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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Wheat Supplies of Major Exporters Lowest in Four Years

Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about March 1, 1962 in the four major exporting countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 2,217.9 million bushels, 15 per cent below the 2,612.2 million available a year ago, and the lowest level for this date since 1958. Supplies at March 1, 1962, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 1,592.6 (1,652.2); Canada, 417.8 (702.6); Argentina, 69.1 (49.1); and Australia, 138.4 (208.3). Estimates for both years include on-farm stocks as well as those in commercial positions.

World Wheat Exports At Record Levels

World wheat exports in the first seven months of the 1961-62 crop year have moved in an unprecedented volume and, should this trend continue, the 1960-61 record level of 1.5 billion bushels will be surpassed. Import requirements for wheat remain high in Asia, in Western Europe and in many North African countries.

During the August-February period of the current crop year total exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat from the four major exporting countries were at an exceptionally high level of 796.9 million bushels, some 16 per cent more than the 686.1 million exported during the same months of 1960-61 and 69 per cent greater than the ten-year 1950-51--1959-60 August-February average of 471.8 million. Wheat and flour exports, including those under government programmes, from the United States, Canada, and Australia were at considerably higher levels in August-February this year than last, while those from Argentina were reduced. Canadian wheat and flour exports during August 1961-February 1962, based on preliminary data, amounted to some 220.7 million bushels, 24 per cent above those for the same months last year and the third largest total on record for the first seven months of the crop year. Shipments from the four traditional major wheat exporters during August 1961-February 1962 and 11 preceding years (Canadian) are shown in the table below.

Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat, August 1961-February 1962
with Comparisons

August-February	United States	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Total
- million bushels -					
1950-51	160.2	119.6	42.6	70.0	392.4
1951-52	280.4	177.6	23.8	56.2	538.0
1952-53	197.7	207.8	3.2	45.9	454.6
1953-54	111.0	152.7	69.2	34.7	367.6
1954-55	154.8	152.3	78.2	53.9	439.2
1955-56	145.2	138.9	72.8	48.6	405.5
1956-57	300.7	160.6	51.2	81.9	594.4
1957-58	224.8	173.4	42.1	42.8	483.1
1958-59	254.5	165.9	52.4	43.9	516.7
1959-60	256.3	170.0	31.0	69.3	526.6
1960-61 <u>1/</u>	374.1	177.4	46.7	87.9	686.1
1961-62 <u>2/</u>	415.9	220.7	34.5	125.8	796.9

1/ Revised.

2/ Preliminary.

1961 World Breadgrain Crop
Below Average of Past Five Years

According to Foreign Crops and Markets, World Summaries, published by the United States Department of Agriculture, March 29, 1962 the third

estimate of the 1961 world breadgrain harvest is 273 million short tons.

The current estimate is somewhat smaller than the outturns of the previous three years and is 3 per cent below the average of the past five years. The reduction was mainly in wheat and the largest decrease was in North America.

World wheat production is now estimated at 7,830 million bushels, 330 million bushels less than in 1960 and 865 million below the record harvest in 1958. The world rye crop of 1,350 million bushels was slightly larger than in 1960 but 7 per cent below the 1950-54 average.

North America's 1961 wheat production is now estimated at 1,547 million bushels, compared with 1,897 million a year earlier. Production was down substantially in both the United States and Canada. The U.S. crop was still well above average but Canada's poor outturn was less than half the 1950-54 average. The Canadian crop was the smallest since 1937. Acreage was moderately above the 1960 area but 9 per cent below the 1950-54 average. Yields of 11 bushels per acre were 10 bushels per acre less than in 1960.

The U.S. wheat outturn of 1,235 million bushels compares with the near-record harvest of 1,357 million in 1960. Acreage was slightly smaller and yields were down 9 per cent. Mexico's production of 50 million bushels was an all-time high.

Rye production in North America was below average and also considerably below the 1960 harvest. Smaller acreage and much below average yields in Canada were the principal factors.

Wheat production in Western Europe is estimated at 1,250 million bushels, 75 million bushels less than in 1960. Largest reductions were in France, West Germany, Spain, and the United Kingdom. Part of that decline was offset by a substantial increase in Italy. The smaller harvest in Western Europe was caused by reduced acreage; yields were slightly higher than in 1960.

The rye outturn of 205 million bushels in Western Europe was only three-fourths of the 1960 harvest, mainly because of a sharp drop in West Germany. The decrease was caused by reduced acreage.

Total wheat production in Eastern Europe shows little change from the 590 million bushels produced in 1960. At that level, the crop was considerably above the 1950-54 average of 490 million bushels. The increase was due to higher yields.

Rye production in Eastern Europe was 460 million bushels, slightly higher than in 1960 and 12 per cent above the 1950-54 average. Acreage was 15 per cent below the average but yields were much higher.

The Soviet Union's wheat crop was unofficially estimated at 1.9 billion bushels. This is well above the 1960 harvest and also much above average. Both acreage and yields were larger. Acreage of 155 million acres shows a moderate increase over 1960 but is about 44 million acres larger than in 1950-54. Yields varied, with good winter wheat yields, especially in the Ukraine offsetting poor yields of

Final Report
International Wheat Council
Commercial Purchases of Wheat and Flour by Importing Countries from Exporting Countries 1/
Crop Year 1960-61

Importing Countries	EXPORTING COUNTRIES								Total
	Canada	Argentina	Australia	France	Italy <u>2/</u>	Spain	Sweden	U.S.A.	Purchases
- thousand bushels -									
Austria	1,090	525	339	-	-	-	-	-	1,954
Belgium & Luxembourg	11,531	461	-	125	-	-	-	3,972	16,089
Brazil	-	19,067	-	-	-	-	-	3,778	22,845
Costa Rica	759	-	-	-	-	-	-	941	1,700
Cuba	777	-	-	14	-	-	-	1,128	1,919
Dominican Republic	926	-	-	-	-	-	-	113	1,039
El Salvador	217	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,162	1,379
Germany, Federal Republic .	33,127	4,956	5,232	20,274	8	-	4,326	6,362	74,285
Greece	32	-	-	-	-	283	-	11	326
Guatemala	125	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,809	1,934
Haiti	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
Honduras Republic	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	681	761
Iceland	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	106	109
India	-	-	3,875	-	-	-	-	4	3,879
Indonesia	-	-	4,089	489	-	-	-	677	5,255
Ireland	3,408	216	5,383	-	-	-	-	294	9,301
Israel	1,592	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,972	4,564
Japan	55,902	-	14,376	-	-	-	-	30,544	100,822
Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Netherlands <u>3/</u>	6,855	1,101	94	970	-	-	191	14,272	23,483
New Zealand	-	-	6,053	-	-	-	-	-	6,053
Nigeria	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	112	253
Norway	3,843	443	1,021	127	-	-	373	798	6,605
Panama	316	-	-	43	-	-	-	808	1,167
Peru	1,822	7,402	-	35	-	-	-	2,512	11,771
Philippines	3,509	-	260	-	-	-	-	9,688	13,457
Portugal <u>3/</u>	961 ^{4/}	1,213	157	511	-	-	367	6,713	9,922
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	143 ^{4/}	-	3,020	11	-	-	-	323	3,497
Saudi Arabia	1,373 ^{4/}	-	319	98	6	-	-	2,837	4,633
South Africa	-	-	2,610	-	-	-	-	-	2,610
Switzerland	7,335	524	135	1,859	12	-	90	1,555	11,510
United Arab Republic	5	-	3,945	-	88	-	-	2,040	6,078
United Kingdom <u>3/</u>	94,963	6,265	32,255	5,567	20	-	75	25,553	164,698
Vatican City	101	355	-	-	-	-	-	-	456
Venezuela	2,726	257	-	-	-	-	-	8,584	11,567
To Orders	-	2,797	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,797
Totals	233,664	45,582	83,163	30,123	134	283	5,422	130,352	528,723
Percentage of Total Sales by Exporting Countries	44.19	8.62	15.73	5.70	.03	.05	1.03	24.65	100.00

NOTE: Mexico - no sales reported.

1/ The figures include Durum wheat and/or Durum flour.

2/ Quantities shipped.

3/ The figures include, in the case of the Netherlands, purchases by the Netherlands outside Europe, in the case of Portugal, purchases by Portuguese Overseas provinces, and in the case of the United Kingdom, purchases by United Kingdom Territories.

4/ Includes bagged seed wheat.

International Wheat Council
Cumulative Total of Commercial Purchases by Importing Countries from Exporting Countries
Crop Year 1961-62 — Through February 3, 1962

Importing Countries	E X P O R T I N G C O U N T R I E S							Total Purchases
	Canada	Argentina	Australia	France	Italy	Sweden	U.S.A.	
- thousand bushels -								
Austria	1,174	33	-	-	-	-	276	1,483
Belgium & Luxembourg	7,346	18	-	14	-	-	3,382	10,760
Brazil	-	1,653	-	-	-	-	-	1,653
Costa Rica	714	-	-	-	-	-	558	1,272
Cuba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominican Republic	730	-	-	-	-	-	108	838
El Salvador	556	-	-	-	-	-	371	927
Germany, Federal Republic	33,938	1,242	7,357	8,215	-	4,649	13,958	69,359
Greece	5	-	-	-	-	-	6	11
Guatemala	88	-	-	-	-	-	1,074	1,162
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Honduras Republic	92	-	-	-	-	-	473	565
Iceland	3	-	-	-	-	-	13	16
India	-	-	12,054	1	-	-	1	12,056
Indonesia	-	-	733	488	-	-	-	1,221
Ireland	1,284	-	1,203	26	-	-	77	2,590
Israel	829	-	-	-	-	-	2,103	2,932
Japan	28,110	-	7,769	-	-	-	21,813	57,692
Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	474	474
Netherlands	1,394	68	1	369	-	588	18,887	21,307
Netherlands Territories	199	-	93	-	-	-	420	712
New Zealand	-	-	4,144	-	-	-	-	4,144
Nigeria	1,027	-	-	-	5	-	654	1,686
Norway	1,729	-	2,039	-	-	235	1,781	5,784
Panama	382	-	-	43	-	-	498	923
Peru	14	1,102	-	38	-	-	827	1,981
Philippines	3,513	-	57	-	-	-	6,980	10,550
Portugal	10	-	2	273	-	-	3,864	4,149
Portuguese Territories	734	-	202	193	1	-	300	1,430
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	79	-	1,864	2	-	-	1	1,946
Saudi Arabia	202	-	344	14	3	-	1,477	2,040
Sierra Leone	304	-	-	-	-	-	28	332
South Africa	-	-	1,210	-	-	-	-	1,210
Switzerland	4,349	73	-	1,168	107	-	763	6,460
United Arab Republic	2	-	3,054	-	61	-	-	3,117
United Kingdom	62,657	552	21,251	2,458	-	-	13,370	100,288
U.K. Territories	5,617	-	6,461	1,888	-	-	3,426	17,392
Vatican City	377	-	-	-	-	-	-	377
Venezuela	3,532	-	-	-	-	-	7,493	11,025
To Orders	-	2,733	-	-	-	-	-	2,733
Totals	160,990	7,474	69,838	15,190	177	5,472	105,458	364,599
Percentage of Total Sales by Exporting Countries	44.16	2.05	19.15	4.17	.05	1.50	28.92	100.00

NOTE: Mexico and Spain - No sales reported.

Argentine figures cover period from August 1, 1961 to October 20, 1961.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated supplies of wheat for the 1961-62 (August-July) crop year, consisting of the August 1 carryover of 526.8 million and the 1961 production of 261.7 million, are placed at 788.5 million bushels, representing a decrease of 23 per cent from the 1960-61 total of 1,027.2 million. After deducting 150.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, supplies available for export and for carryover during 1961-62 would amount to 638.5 million bushels, 27 per cent below the 880.1 million in 1960-61.

Exports of wheat as grain during the August-February period of the current crop year amounted to 201.0 million bushels, 29 per cent greater than the 156.1 million exported during the same months a year ago. Exports of wheat flour, in terms of wheat, during August-February this year were estimated at 19.7 million bushels, bringing total exports of wheat and flour during the same seven months, to some 220.7 million bushels and representing an increase of 24 per cent over the 177.4 million of a year ago. The balance remaining on March 1, 1962 for export and for carryover, amounted to 417.8 million bushels, 41 per cent less than the March 1, 1961 total of 702.6 million.

Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1960-61 <u>1/</u>	1961-62 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1)	537.6	526.8
New Crop	489.6	261.7
Imports of wheat for domestic use, August-November ..	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
Total estimated supplies	1,027.2	788.5
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ..	147.1	150.0
Available for export and for carryover	880.1	638.5
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat in bulk, August-February <u>4/</u>	152.2	199.6
Exports of bagged seed wheat, August-February <u>5/</u> ..	3.9	1.5 <u>6/</u>
Total exports of wheat as grain	156.1	201.0
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-February <u>5/</u>	21.3	19.7 <u>7/</u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	177.4	220.7
Balance on March 1 for export and for carryover	702.6	417.8

1/ Subject to revision.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

4/ As reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners. (Includes overseas clearances and imports into the United States).

5/ Customs returns, 1960-61 adjusted for time lag.

6/ August-January only.

7/ Includes an estimate for February.

Farmers' deliveries of wheat, (both east and west) up to March 21 of the current crop year amounted to 179.2 million bushels compared with the 1960-61 corresponding total of 194.9 million. Although wheat marketings have fallen somewhat below last year's level, grading of deliveries continue to reflect the exceptionally high quality of the 1961 crop. Based on Board of Grain Commissioners' inspections during the first seven months (August-February) of the current crop year, about 92 per cent of inspected marketings were recorded in the grades No. 4 Northern and higher. During the corresponding period in 1960-61 inspections of wheat indicated about 61 per cent of deliveries in these same grades.

During the four weeks February 22 to March 21 deliveries of wheat from farms totalled only 9.2 million bushels while disappearance into export and domestic markets amounted to some 29.8 million. With export and domestic demands exceeding primary marketings by a wide margin, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat declined steadily, from 364.9 million bushels at February 21 to a level of 344.3 million at March 21, 1962.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at March 21 this year was 17 per cent less than the comparable 1961 total of 414.4 million and 5 per cent lower than the 1960 figure of 363.4 million bushels. The largest decrease occurred in country elevator stocks, with these supplies amounting to 178.5 million bushels in contrast to 259.4 million a year ago and 222.6 million two years ago. Wheat stocks at interior terminals, at March 21, 1962, totalled 10.2 million bushels and represented moderate decreases from both the 1961 and 1960 comparable totals of 10.9 million and 11.8 million bushels, respectively. Some 14.1 million bushels were "In transit rail", Western Division, exceeding the 11.0 million bushels of a year ago and the 13.8 million of two years ago. Lakehead supplies amounted to 54.4 million bushels, 7 per cent less than last year's corresponding total of 58.4 million but 9 per cent greater than the 1960 level of 49.7 million. Stocks in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports, at March 21, 1962, at 29.9 million bushels were sharply higher than both the 1961 total of 20.0 million and the 1960 figure of 21.1 million. In addition, some 14.4 million bushels were in "Storage Afloat" in Eastern positions, approximately double the 7.4 million of a year ago and the 6.4 million of two years ago. The 20.9 million bushels in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports at March 21, this year were relatively little changed from the 1961 total of 20.8 million but exceeded by a wide margin the 1960 level of 13.9 million. Supplies in export position on the West Coast (Vancouver-New Westminster and Victoria) totalled 7.4 million bushels and represented a decline of 32 per cent from the 10.9 million of a year ago and 20 per cent less than the 9.2 million of two years ago.

Preliminary Figures Indicate
January 1962 Exports of Wheat
Flour and Bagged Seed Wheat
Total 2.9 Million Bushels

Based on preliminary data exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent during January 1962 amounted to 2.4 million bushels, compared with the December 1961 total of 3.0 million and the adjusted January 1961 figure of 2.1 million bushels. Exports of bagged seed wheat

during January 1962, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 445,000 bushels, as against the December 1961 total of 414,000 and the January 1961 adjusted figure of 773,000 bushels.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first six months of the 1961-62 crop year, based on preliminary Customs returns, were the equivalent of 16.7 million bushels of wheat, 12 per cent less than the adjusted August 1960-January 1961 total of 18.9 million. As with wheat as grain, Britain was the major market for Canadian wheat flour. Shipments of flour to that country during the period under review amounted to the equivalent of 6,235 thousand bushels and accounted for 37 per cent of the six-month total. During the August-January period of 1960-61 shipments of wheat flour to Britain amounted to the equivalent of 7,137 thousand bushels and represented 38

per cent of the total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, with revised data for the August-January period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in thousands of bushels: Philippines, 1,003 (1,100); Ghana, 892 (933); Jamaica, 797 (818); Nigeria, 694 (388); Trinidad and Tobago, 669 (769); United States, 604 (570); Japan, 590 (707); Leeward and Windward Islands, 542 (558); and Lebanon, 530 (953).

Cumulative exports of bagged seed wheat during August-January of the current crop year amounted to 1,482 thousand bushels compared with the adjusted total of 2,889 thousand bushels exported during the same months of the preceding crop year.

February 1962 Wheat Exports
Total 23.7 Million Bushels

Exports of wheat in bulk, as reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners, during February 1962 amounted to 23.7 million bushels, 35 per cent above the January

1962 level of 17.5 million and 16 per cent more than the February 1961 figure of 20.5 million. This year's February total was 58 per cent greater than the ten-year (1951-60) average for the month of 15.0 million bushels.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-February period of the 1961-62 crop year amounted to 199.6 million bushels and registered increases of 31 per cent over the comparable 1960-61 total of 152.2 million and 46 per cent above the ten-year (1950-51-1959-60) August-February average of 136.3 million bushels. Britain, as Canada's leading market for wheat, received shipments amounting to 46.8 million bushels and representing 23 per cent of the seven-month total. During the August-February period of the 1960-61 crop year shipments of wheat to this destination amounted to 46.1 million bushels and accounted for 30 per cent of the total. The bulk of the remainder was accounted for by shipments to the Federal Republic of Germany, 32.5 million, Communist China, 31.1 million and Japan 29.6 million bushels. Exports of Canadian wheat to these countries during the first seven months of the preceding crop year were to the Federal Republic of Germany, 19.7 million, to Communist China, nil, and to Japan, 31.8 million bushels. Other relatively large markets for Canadian wheat in bulk during the first seven months of the current crop year, with figures for the same period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Poland, 12.3 (nil); East Germany, 8.0 (nil); Belgium and Luxembourg, 7.4 (6.7); Switzerland, 3.6 (4.2); and India, 3.5 (4.0),

Final Wheat Payment

On March 30, 1962 The Hon. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture announced in the House of Commons that the

Canadian Wheat Board had closed out the 1960-61 wheat pool account and the average final payment to producers amounted to 31.843 cents per bushel—largest in the history of the Board's operations.

Average final payment on the previous year's pool account was 12.001 cents per bushel.

Producers delivered 392.8 million bushels to the 1960-61 pool and at its close February 28 there was a surplus of \$165,500,284 including the interim payment of \$39,282,601 to producers last November.

This left a final distribution to producers of \$125,088,385, after allowing for the Prairie Farm Assistance Act levy, the cost of issuing the final payment cheques and after crediting the account with estimated additional interest earnings.

Mr. Hamilton said the Wheat Board will start issuing final payment cheques early in April.

The Minister told the House that the record final payment would not have been possible without accelerated grain sales, devaluation of the Canadian dollar and the government's extension of credit.

Final payments for the principal grades of wheat delivered to the 1960-61 pool are as follows:

	Final Payment (cents per bushel)
Red Spring Wheat Grades:	
No. 1 Manitoba Northern	29.130
No. 2 Manitoba Northern	29.924
No. 3 Manitoba Northern	32.292
No. 4 Manitoba Northern	34.174
No. 5 Wheat	44.347
No. 6 Wheat	49.450
Feed Wheat	53.069
Amber Durum Grades:	
No. 1 C.W. Amber Durum	41.155
No. 2 C.W. Amber Durum	41.966
No. 3 C.W. Amber Durum	44.165
Extra No. 4 C.W. Amber Durum	47.135
No. 4 C.W. Amber Durum	46.465
No. 5 C.W. Amber Durum	44.347
No. 6 C.W. Amber Durum	49.450

Mr. Hamilton expressed the hope that the record-breaking final payment, coupled with the adjustment payment on the 1961-62 wheat pool arising out of the 10 cents per bushel increase in the initial price, would meet the main shock of last year's poor crop. He indicated that the adjustment payment would follow in May.

Wheat-Announcement of New International Agreement On March 12, 1962 The Hon. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Veterans Affairs, speaking on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture stated in part that in January of this year the Canadian government received an invitation from the secretary general of the United Nations to participate in the United Nations wheat conference, commencing on January 31 in Geneva, for the renewal or replacement of the current international wheat agreement which came into effect on August 1, 1959, and which expires on July 31, 1962.

Nearly 60 countries took part in or were represented by observers at the six week conference. The negotiations have now come to a successful conclusion. Subject to ratification by the governments concerned, a new three year international wheat agreement, similar in structure to the 1959 agreement, will come into force next August 1, expiring on July 31, 1965. Should all the major exporters participating in the conference, including the U.S.S.R., ratify the agreement, all the important sources of wheat will be brought within the ambit of international wheat co-operation.

The new price range raises the minimum price, in U.S. dollars, for No. 1 Northern in store Fort William-Port Arthur and Vancouver from \$1.50 to \$1.62 and the maximum price from \$1.90 to \$2.02 1/2. At the current rate of exchange this price range in Canada in dollars is \$1.71 1/2 minimum and \$2.13 5/8 maximum. It should be noted that selling prices for the next three years are to be within the price range, and that actual prices will depend on market conditions. It is worth pointing out in this connection that the actual selling price in Canadian dollars for No. 1 Northern at Fort

William fell, during the course of the present agreement, to a low of \$1.63 5/8 in November 1960. This is not only 50 cents lower than the new maximum of almost \$2.14, but it is about 8 cents lower than the new minimum.

In view of these facts hon. members will appreciate the remarkable degree to which prices have recovered, due both to a changed market situation and to the current discount on the Canadian dollar. Members will also appreciate the significance of a higher minimum price, keeping in mind the extent to which prices did fall in recent years before surpluses began to diminish rapidly in the face of increased exports and reduced production.

The new agreement provides that so long as prices remain below the maximum price specified in the agreement, each member importing country undertakes to purchase from member exporting countries a specified percentage of its total commercial purchases of wheat. The exporting countries in turn agree, in association with one another, to supply all the commercial requirements of the importing countries so long as prices are lower than the maximum price. When prices reach the maximum, member exporting countries undertake to supply member importing countries with a definite quantity of wheat based on their average purchases over a recent period of years at a price not greater than the maximum, and importing countries are released from their obligation to make their purchases from member exporting countries.

The agreement also continues to provide for an annual review of the world wheat situation, which has been an important feature of the 1959 agreement. These reviews are carried out in the light of information obtainable in relation to national production, stocks, prices and trade including special transactions under government assistance programs.

In anticipation of a possible wider participation of exporters in the agreement, member importing countries have accepted a commitment to purchase a larger percentage of their commercial requirements from member exporting countries. Of particular importance is the strengthening of safeguards for the commercial marketings of the exporting countries by means of more precise definitions of what constitute commercial and concessional sales. Furthermore, consideration was also given by the conference to the effective utilization of excess supplies of wheat in raising levels of consumption and assisting in general economic and market development in developing countries with low levels of individual income. While it was recognized that programs to this end are provided for by individual governments and on a multilateral basis, it was agreed that the objectives of the agreement should reflect the concern of the conference for the problems of developing countries.

The new agreement represents a significant advance on the present agreement. With all the important sources of wheat covered by the new agreement, importers will enjoy, despite sharp reductions in wheat supplies, a greater assurance that they will be able to purchase their commercial supplies of wheat at equitable and stable prices. At the same time exporters benefit by reason of the increased price range, the increased obligations of importing countries and the improved safeguards for commercial marketings. I am glad to say that this new agreement carries the unanimous support of the producer advisers who were members of the Canadian delegation throughout the conference, and I am sure it will equally commend itself to all members of the house. The text of the new agreement will be submitted for ratification at the present session.

Wheat Sale
to China

On March 28, 1962 The Hon. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture, announced in the House of Commons an additional sale of slightly more than 39 million bushels of wheat to China.

Estimated value of the contract, the sixth to be completed under a long-term agreement signed last spring, is \$75 million. It is the largest single sale of wheat to China thus far. The long-term agreement called for the purchase of 186.7 million bushels of wheat and 46.7 million bushels of barley. Latest contract boosts the total sales under the agreement up to 108 million bushels of wheat and 26 million bushels of barley. In addition, China purchased 31.7 million bushels of wheat and 12.7 million bushels of barley on a cash basis last spring.

Mr. Hamilton said payment terms for the latest purchase are identical with previous contracts, with 25 per cent cash and the balance on 273 days' credit, with interest. He said the transaction was completed within the 100 million dollar credit guarantee made by the Government to the Canadian Wheat Board to facilitate the sale of grain to China. Bulk of the wheat will be shipped from west coast ports from June through to December, assuring a steady volume of exports from Vancouver for the balance of the year. About 5.6 million bushels will be shipped from Atlantic and St. Lawrence ports in April and May.

Amendment to Canadian Wheat Board Act Bill No. C-75, "An Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act" was given third reading and passed in the House of Commons on March 27, 1962.

Among the terms included in the amendments:

The powers of the Board are extended for another five years to August 1, 1967.

Rapeseed is now defined as a "grain" along with wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed.

The term "minister" now refers to the Minister of Agriculture rather than the Minister of Trade and Commerce which was previously the case.

General Quota Position By April 2, 1962, out of a total of 1,943 shipping points in the Western Division, the Canadian Wheat Board had placed 1,927 points on an open delivery quota. Of the remainder, 15 points were on a seven-bushel quota and only 1 point was on a six-bushel quota per specified acre.

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in the Western Division
as at April 2, 1962

Province	General Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre		Open Delivery Quota	Total
	Six	Seven		
Ontario	-	-	2	2
Manitoba	-	-	352	352
Saskatchewan	1	15	1,023	1,039
Alberta	-	-	545	545
British Columbia	-	-	5	5
All Provinces	1	15	1,927	1,943

Area Intended
for Wheat 1962

On the basis of farmers' intentions at March 1 the largest individual change in the use of Canadian crop land in 1962 is the intended increase of 855,700 acres in all wheat, followed by oats for grain which may increase by 581,100 acres. The largest offsetting decreases are prospective reductions of 682,000 acres for summerfallow and 481,100 in the acreage seeded to flaxseed and a reduction in rapeseed of 136,700 acres.

Intended Acreage of Spring Wheat in Canada, as at March 1, 1962
Compared with Acreages in 1961

Province	Acreage Seeded in 1961 <u>1/</u> - acres -	Per Cent of 1961	Acreage Intended to be Seeded in 1962	
			Area 1962 <u>1/</u> - acres -	Indicated Change - acres -
Prince Edward Island	2,700	107	2,900	+ 200
Nova Scotia	500	100	500	unchanged
New Brunswick	1,800	106	1,900	+ 100
Quebec	8,400	94	7,900	- 500
Ontario	14,000	98	13,700	- 300
Manitoba	2,765,000	106	2,921,000	+156,000
Saskatchewan	15,093,000	104	15,693,000	+600,000
Alberta	5,304,000	103	5,466,000	+162,000
British Columbia	52,900	108	57,100	+ 4,200
Totals	23,242,300	104	24,164,000	+921,700

1/ For provinces other than Ontario includes relatively small acreages of winter wheat for which annual estimates are not available.

Based on farmers' intentions at March 1 the acreage seeded to all classes of wheat will be 24.6 million acres an increase of 4 per cent over the 1961 seedings, and 2.4 million acres or 11 per cent above the 1956-60 average. In Manitoba the increase in acreage may be 6 per cent, in Saskatchewan a 4 per cent increase is expected while in Alberta, acreage may be increased by 3 per cent.

Prospective plantings of spring wheat of 24.2 million acres are 4 per cent above the 1961 acreage and 12 per cent above the 1956-60 average. Durum wheat is included with the spring wheat figures but in view of the interest shown by Prairie farmers in this crop intended acreage was obtained separately. The results indicate a substantial increase in acreage to be seeded to durum wheat for the second consecutive year with the prospective increase amounting to 58 per cent for the three Prairie Provinces this season. If the acreage intentions are carried out Prairie farmers will plant 2,831,000 acres to this crop this spring compared with 1,791,000 grown in 1961 and the 1956-60 average of 1,381,100 acres. All Canada spring wheat acreage excluding durum may total 21.3 million in 1962 compared with 21.5 million planted in 1961 and the 1956-60 average of 20.3 million. The 0.5 million acres seeded to winter wheat last fall in Ontario are down some 12 per cent from both the previous year and the 1956-60 average.

Intended Acreage of Spring Wheat 1/ in the Prairie Provinces
As at March 1, 1962, Compared with Estimated Acreage 1961

Crop	Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta		Prairie Provinces	
	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962
- thousand acres -								
Wheat, all spring ...	2,765	2,921	15,093	15,693	5,304	5,466	23,162	24,080
Durum	100	163	1,494	2,290	197	378	1,791	2,831
Other spring	2,665	2,758	13,599	13,403	5,107	5,088	21,371	21,249

1/ Includes a relatively small acreage of winter wheat.

Farmers' Marketings ^{1/} of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces 1961-62

Week Ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last Year
- bushels -						
August	9, 1961 ..	66,412	298,654	59,779	424,845	770,867
	16	78,431	354,050	249,553	682,034	3,072,038
	23	1,732,408	3,132,734	433,666	5,298,808	6,057,404
	30	1,960,688	5,795,205	1,368,107	9,124,000	6,634,518
September	6	972,846	3,230,317	2,070,908	6,274,071	8,451,034 ^{2/}
	13	907,424	4,617,726	2,258,606	7,783,756	9,033,552
	20	721,238	3,242,834	2,769,649	6,733,721	6,371,926
	27	630,826	4,260,220	2,806,814	7,697,860	3,416,603
October	4	1,104,469	4,761,138	2,490,732	8,356,339	4,629,456
	11	963,662	3,860,475	2,201,300	7,025,437	4,045,618
	18	929,061	4,531,791	2,056,024	7,516,876	4,787,219
	25	1,023,510	4,178,369	1,941,585	7,143,464	5,419,462
November	1	1,127,996	3,495,742	2,239,758	6,863,496	6,363,414
	8	833,376	3,129,828	1,674,622	5,637,826	6,929,093
	15	697,308	4,359,574	2,038,116	7,094,998	5,784,997
	22	723,530	3,759,473	2,121,428	6,604,431	7,341,044
	29	654,608	3,088,767	2,046,531	5,789,906	8,037,409
December	6	540,239	1,998,306	1,148,799	3,687,344	6,799,472
	13	507,881	3,375,334	1,597,033	5,480,248	7,405,082
	20	382,974	1,832,893	1,419,291	3,635,158	9,840,652
	27	477,164	1,494,090	983,966	2,955,220	6,488,616
January	3, 1962...	278,621	2,449,310	1,745,762	4,473,693	5,826,586
	10	807,973	6,788,154	3,743,947	11,340,074	9,867,207
	17	273,409	4,004,264	2,493,320	6,770,993	9,427,211
	24	100,603	794,836	1,396,613	2,292,052	7,212,448
	31	421,374	2,943,223	2,048,704	5,413,301	3,478,552
February	7	227,185	2,826,814 ^{2/}	2,211,117	5,265,116 ^{2/}	4,078,418
	14	113,464	1,513,126	1,806,659	3,433,249	4,988,578
	21	173,506	2,319,400	1,808,525	4,301,431	2,260,783
	28	98,971	839,594	922,842	1,861,407	3,563,846
March	7	23,752	155,960	354,942	534,654	4,834,676
	14	184,151	1,223,416	1,201,729	2,609,296	4,096,848
	21	233,895	2,029,561	2,047,411	4,310,867	4,406,523
Totals		19,972,955	96,685,178	57,757,838	174,415,971	191,721,152

Average similar period:

1950-51-1959-60 ..24,041,190 131,871,611 62,745,268 218,658,069

^{1/} Includes receipts at country, interior private and mill elevators, interior semi-public terminals and platform loadings.

^{2/} Revised.

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, March 21, 1962
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1960 and 1961

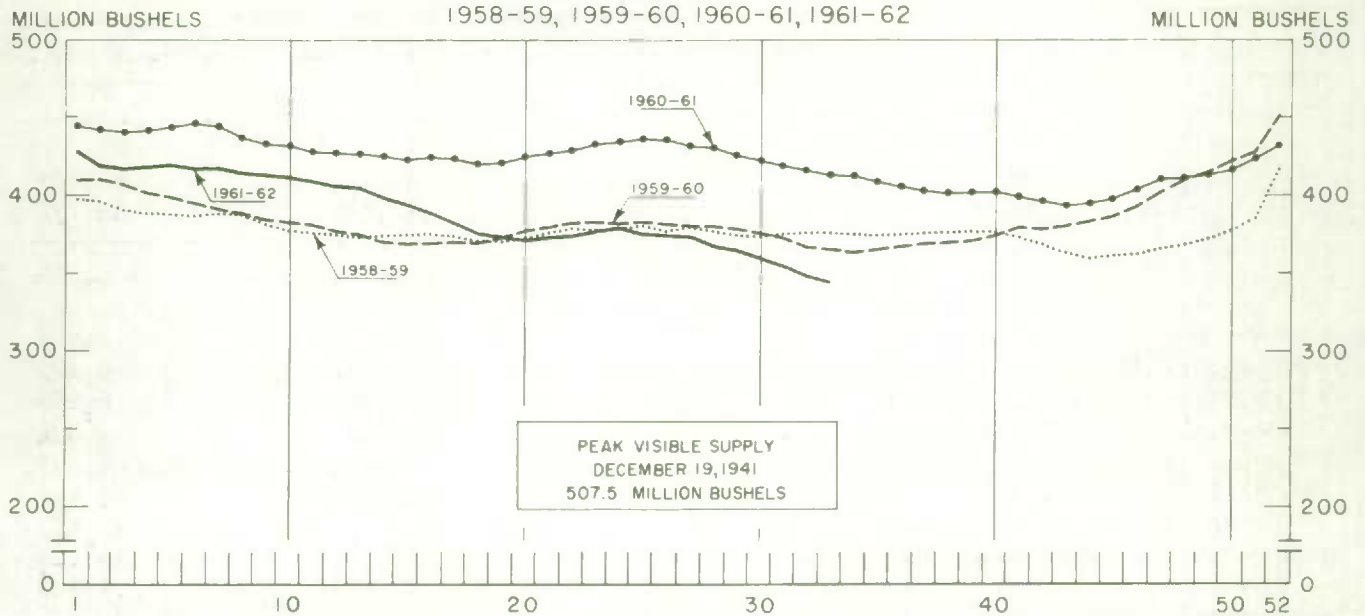
Position	1960	1961	1962
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba	26,304	35,172	25,350
Saskatchewan	121,942	152,559	95,002
Alberta	74,356	71,679	58,172
Totals	222,602	259,411	178,525
Interior private and mill.....	7,263	7,456	7,436
Interior terminals	11,799	10,865	10,221
Vancouver-New Westminster	8,894	10,386	6,998
Victoria	318	483	388
Churchill	4,871	4,766	4,829
Fort William-Port Arthur	49,746	58,384	54,429
Storage afloat	-	-	681
In transit rail (Western Division) ..	13,830	11,027	14,132
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports	21,140	20,002	29,949
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports	13,917	20,803	20,935
Storage afloat	6,397	7,373	14,360
In transit rail (Eastern Division) ..	2,590	3,418	1,409
Totals	363,366	414,374	344,290

Grading of Wheat Inspected, August 1961-February 1962 with Comparisons

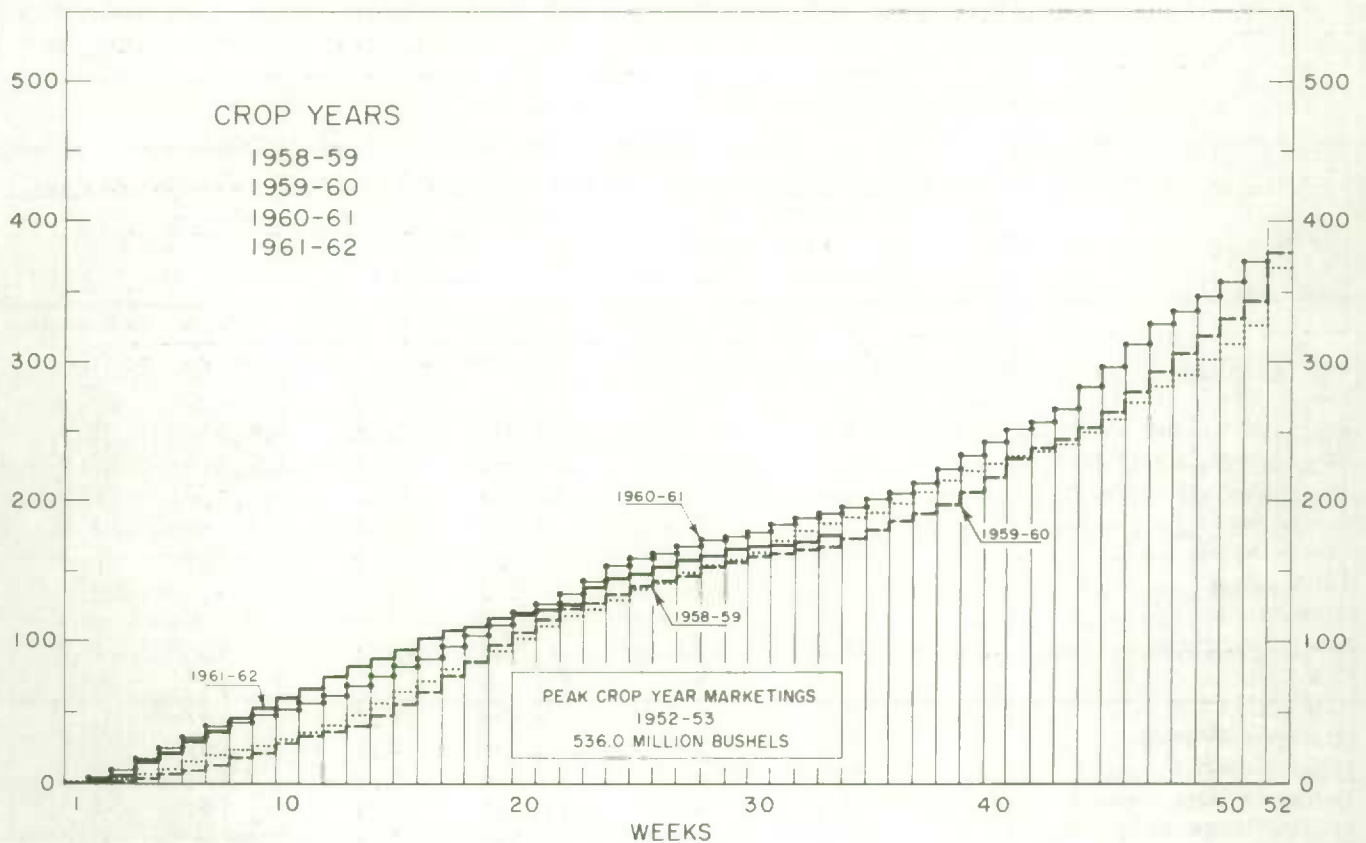
Grade	Crop Year		August-February			
	Average					
	1955-56	1960-61	1960-61		1961-62	
	1959-60					
	per cent	per cent	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
No. 1 Hard	-	-	-	-	42	1/
No. 1 Man. Northern	1.6	2.1	1,335	1.3	18,832	15.2
No. 2 Man. Northern	28.2	41.1	21,356	21.3	66,827	53.9
No. 3 Man. Northern	27.7	25.5	24,433	24.4	22,214	17.9
No. 4 Man. Northern	14.0	8.5	14,337	14.3	5,752	4.6
No. 5 Wheat	9.2	5.2	9,124	9.1	1,194	1.0
No. 6 Wheat	2.3	0.8	933	0.9	364	0.3
Feed Wheat	0.2	1/	7	1/	6	1/
Others Red Spring	10.7	7.3	9,962	10.0	4,602	3.7
C.W. Garnet	0.2	1/	11	1/	229	0.2
C.W. White Spring	0.1	0.1	196	0.2	109	0.1
C.W. Mixed Wheat	0.1	1/	61	0.1	41	1/
Alberta Winter	0.3	0.2	214	0.2	490	0.4
Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum ...	5.3	9.0	17,844	17.8	3,123	2.5
Others C.W. Amber Durum	0.2	0.2	305	0.3	65	0.1
Totals	100.0	100.0	100,118	100.0	123,890	100.0
Gross bushels(approx.)			188,271,000		238,172,000	

1/ Less than .05 per cent.

WEEKLY VISIBLE SUPPLY OF CANADIAN WHEAT



CUMULATIVE RECORD OF WHEAT MARKETINGS IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES BY WEEKS



(Data in both charts for crop years beginning August 1)

Wheat Shipments to
the United States
by Destination

Total rail and vessel shipments of wheat to the United States, either for re-export or retention for domestic use, from the beginning of the current crop year to March 21, 1962 amounted to 0.6 million bushels. During the comparable periods of 1960-61 and 1959-60 shipments amounted to 1.2 million and 0.5 million bushels, respectively. Of this season's total to date some 90 per cent has been shipped by vessel.

Wheat Shipments* to the United States by Destination
August 1, 1961 - March 21, 1962
with Comparisons

Destination	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
		- bushels -	
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Buffalo	110,305	298,631	-
Chicago	-	216,477	100,000
Duluth-Superior	272,202	477,836	420,978
Milwaukee	-	81,537	-
Totals, Vessel	382,507	1,074,481	520,978
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Domestic Points	119,811	156,400	56,636
Totals, Shipments	502,318	1,230,881	577,614

* Either for re-export or retention for domestic use. Excluding bagged seed.

Rail Shipments
of Wheat to
Maritime Ports

Rail shipments of wheat to Maritime Ports from Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports during the first seven months of the current crop year totalled 12.2 million bushels compared with the August 1960-February 1961 figure of 21.6 million.

Rail Shipments of Wheat to Maritime Ports from Bay, Lake
and Upper St. Lawrence Ports

Origin of Shipments	August 1, 1960- February 28, 1961	August 1, 1961 - February 28, 1962
		- bushels -
Port McNicoll	6,606,453	3,824,026
Midland, Tiffin	7,521,017	4,677,955
Collingwood	1,114,005	405,993
Owen Sound	1,835,262	1,209,068
Goderich	1,670,165	230,866
Sarnia	1,954,141	1,188,279
Lakefield	590,631	458,417
Peterborough	347,934	250,000
Totals	21,639,608	12,244,604

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, 1958-59-1961-62

Month	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
- bushels -				
August	33,123	34,383	14,717	20,648
September	15,692	31,690	19,227	14,598
October	68,834	30,904	5,417	33,944
November	205,061	8,383	24,000	22,915
December	214,398	25,355	17,500	60,167
January	684,845	103,087	71,335	126,533
February	173,387	23,878	135,339	68,421
March	280,705	18,826	28,073	
April	243,292	64,156	9,833	
May	44,783	19,513	15,805	
June	10,128	25,234	17,563	
July	33,696	26,803	10,940	
Totals	2,007,944	412,212	369,749	

Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, February 1962

Grade	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
- bushels -				
1 Northern	-	-	-	6,000
5 Wheat	-	-	10,500	6,000
6 Wheat	-	-	9,500	3,500
Tough	-	3,000	2,833	500
Rejected	-	-	3,083	1,500
Durum	-	-	4,000	-
Others	1,500	1,500	14,667	338
Totals	1,500	4,500	44,583	17,838

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1, 1961-March 21, 1962
with Comparisons

Port	Wheat 1/	Durum Wheat 1/	Oats 1/	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed 2/
- bushels -							
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>							
Vancouver-New Westminster	94,302,895	-	453,930	8,874,495	980,668	4,873,018	3,079,910
Victoria	3,007,586	-	-	-	-	-	391,147
Prince Rupert	-	-	-	7,683,621	-	-	-
<u>Churchill</u>	18,297,287	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Lakehead Direct</u>	5,872,784	-	-	362,065	578,275	492,936	-
<u>Lower Lake</u>							
Toronto	-	-	-	-	-	20,184	-
<u>St. Lawrence</u>							
Montreal	32,307,803	2,339,883	5,259	23,334	1,564,991	3,387,695	-
Sorel	12,029,426	2,111,090	-	-	200,109	-	-
Three Rivers	14,242,374	14,024	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec	7,875,835	16,876	-	-	-	-	-
Baie Comeau	4,846,267	99,381	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Maritimes</u>							
Saint John	503,056	7,467	-	-	-	-	-
West Saint John	7,025,373	695,669	26,479	-	-	107,847	-
Halifax	8,301,524	57,682	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	208,612,210	5,342,072	485,668	16,943,515	3,324,043	8,881,680	3,471,057
Aug. 1, 1960-March 22, 1961.	138,576,083	28,669,275	842,315	12,021,262	676,471	8,664,177	5,767,780

1/ Excluding bagged seed.

2/ In bushels of 50 pounds.

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to February 28, 1962 represent the movement of some 6,811 thousand bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance policy during the August-January period of the current crop year. During the corresponding period in 1960-61 claims had been filed for a total of 9,408 thousand bushels, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both the current and preceding crop years that the 1961-62 August-January shipments of wheat under the policy were running about 28 per cent below those of 1960-61. Revised data on the 1960-61 August-January shipments of wheat based on claims submitted up to February 28, 1962 place the six-month total at 9,876 thousand bushels. About 71 per cent of the shipments during the current period under review went to destinations in Ontario and Quebec.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy
August-January 1961-62 and 1960-61

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August, 1961	11	10	162	38	516	557	121	1,414
September	11	19	98	37	422	458	270	1,316
October	8	8	93	41	439	424	184	1,196
November	15	12	97	35	468	312	194	1,132
December	8	10	112	28	368	341	171	1,039
January, 1962	2	12	54	24	260	238	122	713
Totals <u>1/</u>	55	73	616	203	2,472	2,330	1,062	6,811
Same period 1960-61:								
Preliminary <u>2/</u> ...	86	88	778	310	3,122	3,983	1,041	9,408
Revised <u>1/</u>	90	91	785	316	3,169	4,076	1,350	9,876

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance policy indicate shipments of 256,538 tons during the August-January period of the current crop year. During the same six months of 1960-61 claims had been filed for a total of 293,624 tons, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both the current and preceding crop years that the 1961-62 August-January shipments of millfeeds under the policy were running about 13 per cent below those of 1960-61. Revised data on the 1960-61 August-January shipments of millfeeds based on claims submitted up to February 28, 1962 place the six-month total at 306,171 tons. As with freight-assisted shipments of wheat, the greater portion of the millfeed shipments during the period under review went to destinations in Ontario and Quebec.

Provincial Distribution of Millfeed Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy
August-January 1961-62 and 1960-61

Province	1960-61		1961-62
	Preliminary <u>2/</u>	Revised <u>1/</u>	Preliminary <u>1/</u>
- tons -			
Newfoundland	2,773	2,869	2,858
Prince Edward Island	4,503	4,741	4,402
Nova Scotia	20,008	20,733	17,936
New Brunswick	16,938	17,533	15,445
Quebec	141,150	144,500	124,360
Ontario	89,285	91,665	71,051
British Columbia	18,967	24,130	20,486
Totals	293,624	306,171	256,538

1/ Based on claims filed up to February 28, 1962.

2/ Based on claims filed up to February 28, 1961.

Monthly Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour

Year and Month	Wheat in Bulk <u>1/</u>	Bagged Seed Wheat <u>2/</u>	Total Wheat	Wheat Flour <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u>	Total <u>3/</u> Wheat and Wheat Flour
- thousand bushels -					
<u>1959-60</u>					
August	21,203	157	21,360	3,090	24,451
September	22,606	133	22,739	2,873	25,611
October	22,440	124	22,565	3,705	26,270
November	29,239	532	29,771	3,093	32,864
December	20,262	881	21,144	3,168	24,311
January	13,220	809	14,029	2,522	16,551
February	16,462	788	17,250	2,734	19,984
March	17,102	991	18,093	2,737	20,830
April	15,373	871	16,244	3,281	19,525
May	21,210	224	21,434	3,522	24,956
June	21,011	26	21,037	3,323	24,359
July	14,589	67	14,656	2,923	17,578
Totals	234,717	5,604	240,321	36,970	277,291
<u>1960-61</u>					
August	23,908	127	24,034	2,867	26,901
September	26,742	232	26,974	2,694	29,668
October	21,172	304	21,476	3,727	25,203
November	23,224	570	23,794	4,198	27,992
December	20,222	883	21,105	3,320	24,426
January	16,408	773	17,181	2,104	19,285
February	20,517	1,043	21,560	2,404	23,964
March	23,377	1,934	25,312	3,088	28,399
April	31,395	599	31,994	3,009	35,003
May	42,190	135	42,325	3,166	45,491
June	35,532	12	35,544	2,499	38,043
July	26,265	4	26,269	2,607	28,876
Totals	310,952	6,616	317,568	35,682	353,249
<u>1961-62 4/</u>					
August	35,625	114	35,740	3,540	39,280
September	28,966	232	29,198	2,560	31,758
October	32,910	61	32,970	2,693	35,663
November	40,823	216	41,039	2,435 <u>5/</u>	43,474
December	19,966	414	20,381	3,036 <u>5/</u>	23,416 <u>5/</u>
January	17,534	445 <u>6/</u>	17,979 <u>5/</u>	2,411 <u>6/</u>	20,390 <u>5/</u>
February	23,739	<u>7/</u>	23,739 <u>8/</u>	3,000 <u>9/</u>	26,739 <u>10/</u>
Totals	199,564	1,482	201,046	19,675	220,721

1/ Export clearances including shipments to the United States compiled by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada. 2/ Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 1959-60 and 1960-61 adjusted to remove effect of time lag in reporting.

3/ In terms of wheat equivalent. Wheat flour conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.

4/ Subject to revision. 5/ Revised. 6/ Preliminary. 7/ Not available. 8/ Does not include February exports of bagged seed. 9/ Estimated. 10/ Includes an estimate of wheat flour for February but no allowance made for February exports of bagged seed wheat.

Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination, February 1962

Destination	Wheat (Except Durum)	Durum Wheat	All Wheat
- bushels -			
<u>COMMONWEALTH AND PREFERENTIAL COUNTRIES</u>			
<u>Western Europe</u>			
Britain	5,404,273	18,667	5,422,940
Ireland	239,307	-	239,307
<u>Other Asia</u>			
Hong Kong	94,827	-	94,827
India	75,703	-	75,703
Pakistan	26,391	-	26,391
Totals, Com. and Pref. Countries .	5,840,501	18,667	5,859,168
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES</u>			
<u>Western Europe</u>			
Austria	380,800	149,333	530,133
Belgium and Luxembourg	486,528	-	486,528
Germany, Federal Republic	1,762,193	492,016	2,254,209
Italy	77,033	-	77,033
<u>Other Africa</u>			
Mozambique	109,013	7,467	116,480
<u>Other Asia</u>			
China, Communist	9,314,744	-	9,314,744
Japan	4,460,360	-	4,460,360
Philippines	246,288	-	246,288
Taiwan	75,787	-	75,787
<u>Oceania</u>			
United States Oceania	56,747	-	56,747
<u>South America</u>			
Colombia	80,835	-	80,835
Venezuela	178,795	-	178,795
<u>North America</u>			
United States for domestic use <u>2/</u>	2,000	-	2,000
Totals, Other Countries	17,231,123	648,816	17,879,939
Totals, All Countries	23,071,624	667,483	23,739,107

NOTE: See footnotes page 21.

Data re February Customs exports of bagged seed wheat not available.

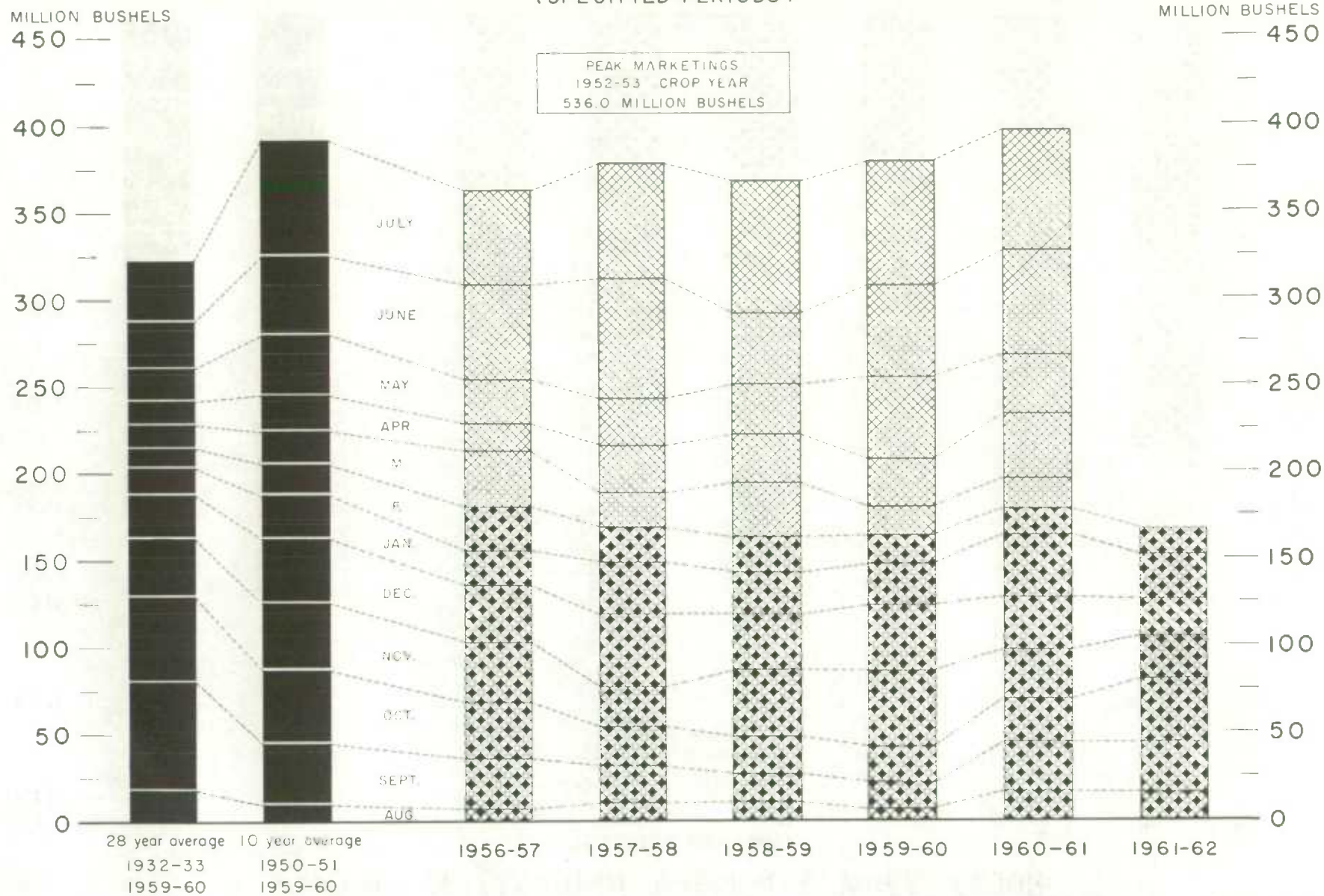
Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination

Destination	August 1961-February 1962			Total same period last year
	Wheat (Except Durum)	Durum Wheat	Total Wheat	
			- bushels -	
<u>COMMONWEALTH AND PREFERENTIAL COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Britain	46,637,023	163,977	46,801,000	46,123,208
Ireland	1,523,932	-	1,523,932	1,890,539
Malta and Gozo	844,667	-	844,667	836,566
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Rhodesia and Nyasaland	56,000	-	56,000	56,250
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Hong Kong	339,360 *	-	339,360*	301,467
India	3,541,390	-	3,541,390	3,955,436
Pakistan	1,856,325	-	1,856,325	1,717,520
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Barbados	-	-	-	167
Totals, Com. and Pref. Countries	54,798,697 *	163,977	54,962,674*	54,881,153

OTHER COUNTRIES

<u>Western Europe</u>				
Austria	1,405,613	149,333	1,554,946	802,026
Belgium and Luxembourg	7,079,577	309,680	7,389,257	6,722,813
Finland	1,151,402	-	1,151,402	-
France	54,133	604,769	658,902	4,517,424
Germany, Federal Republic	29,658,603	2,841,757	32,500,360	19,739,405
Greece	-	-	-	22,400
Italy	2,303,840	25,200	2,329,040	12,373,683
Netherlands	1,528,540	110,454	1,638,994	4,767,489
Norway	1,728,869	-	1,728,869	2,277,403
Portugal	-	-	-	93,333
Sweden	-	-	-	18,667
Switzerland	2,734,105	836,786	3,570,891	4,185,820
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Albania	1,050,336	-	1,050,336	-
Czechoslovakia	-	-	-	201,700
Germany, East	8,040,229	-	8,040,229	-
Poland	12,293,711	-	12,293,711	-
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	-	-	-	998,022
<u>Middle East</u>				
Israel	829,100	-	829,100	1,024,800
Saudi Arabia	166,525	-	166,525	-
U.A.R.-Egypt	451,733	-	451,733	-
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Algeria	1,322,604	37,035	1,359,639	-
Congo	18,257	-	18,257	-
Mozambique	369,512	7,467	376,979	251,999
Tunisia	-	189,905	189,905	-

FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF WHEAT, PRAIRIE PROVINCES (SPECIFIED PERIODS)



EXPORTS OF CANADIAN WHEAT* AND WHEAT FLOUR**

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHEL

400

350

300

250

200

150

100

50

0

MILLION BUSHEL

400

350

300

250

200

150

100

50

0

PEAK EXPORTS
1928-29 CROP YEAR
407.6 MILLION BUSHEL

JULY

JUNE

MAY

APR.

M.

F.

JAN.

DEC.

NOV.

OCT.

SEPT.

AUG.

30 year average 1930-31

1950-51

1959-60

1959-60

1956-57

1957-58

1958-59

1959-60

1960-61

1961-62

*Includes bagged seed wheat.

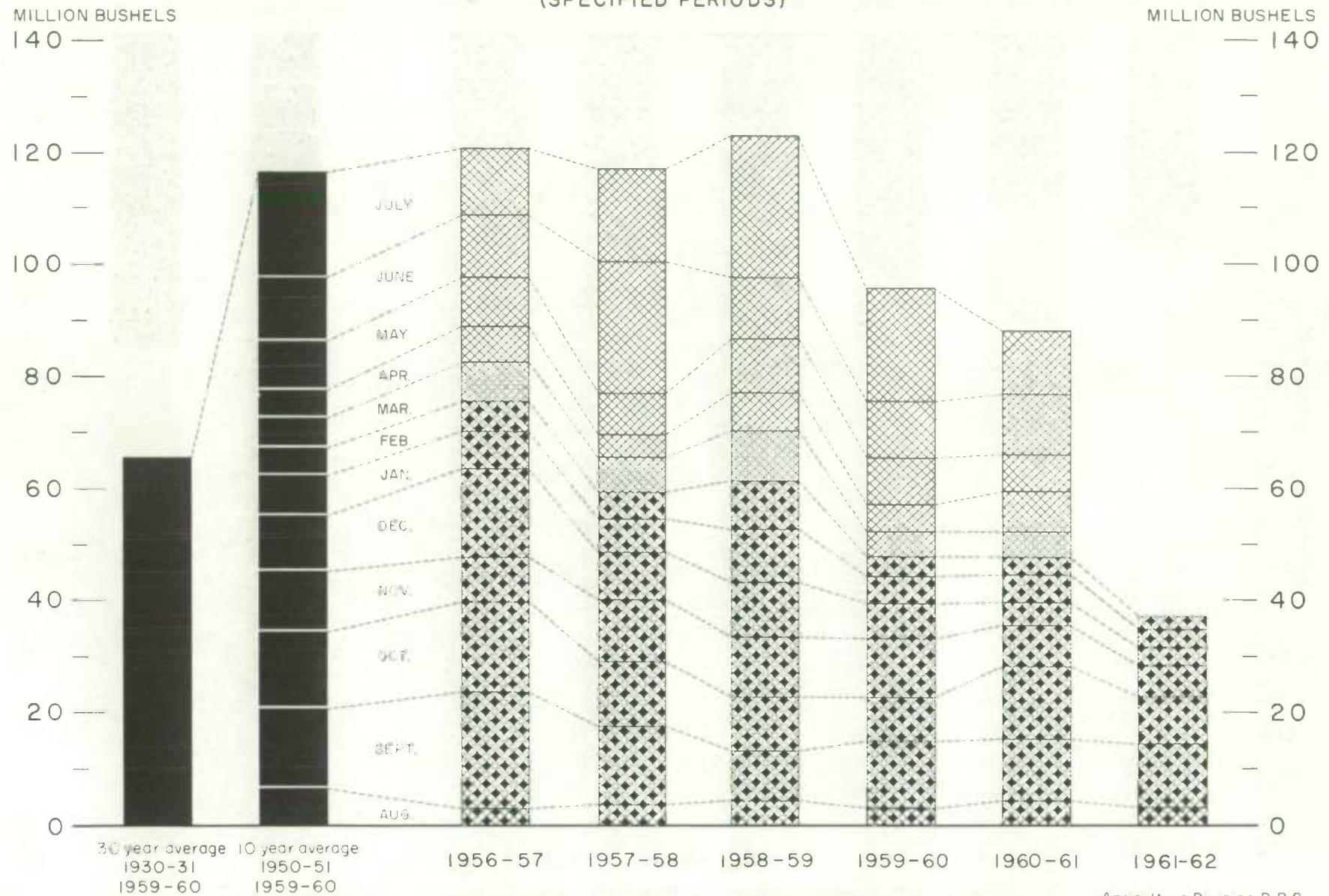
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*** Preliminary.

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FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF BARLEY, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

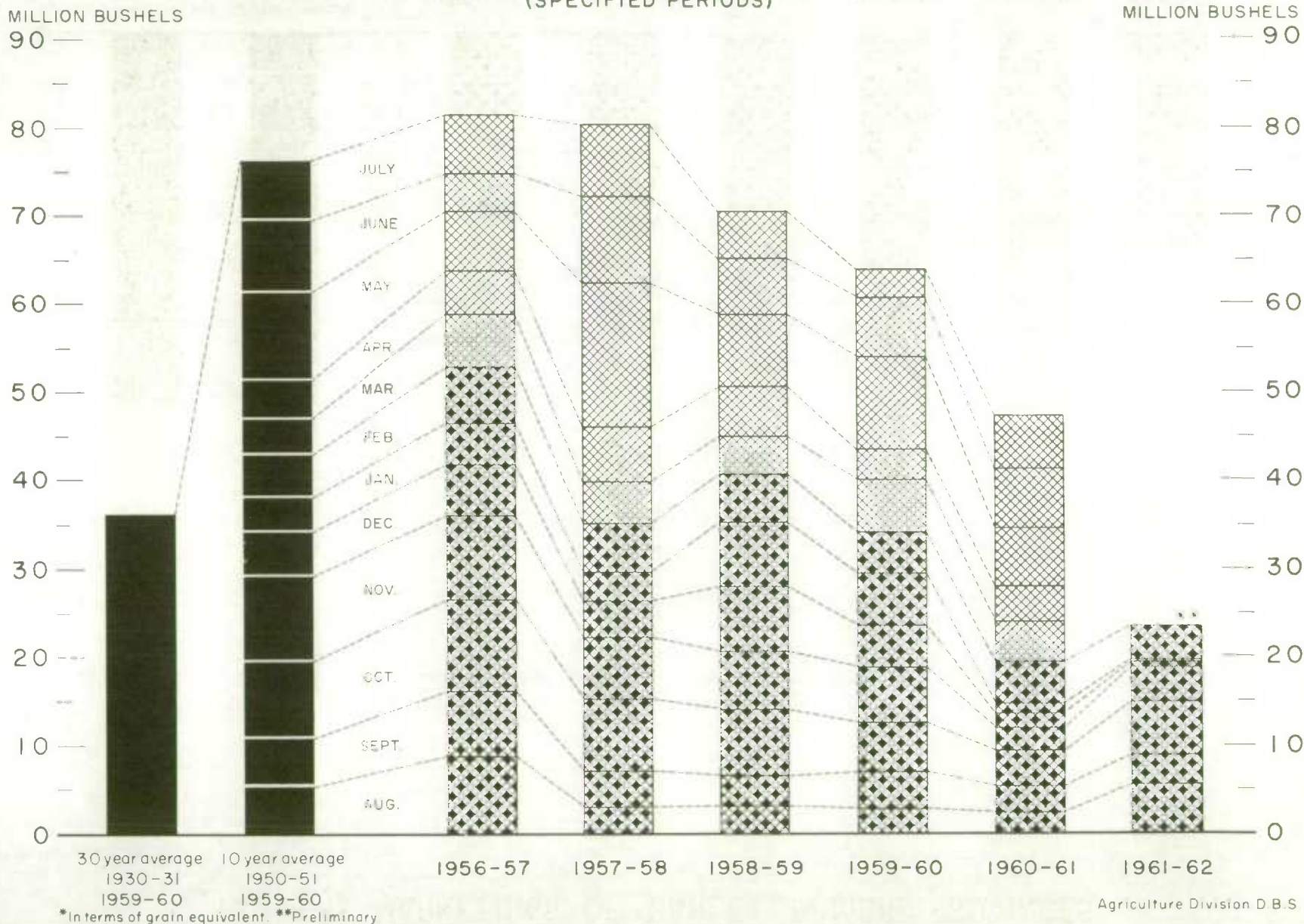
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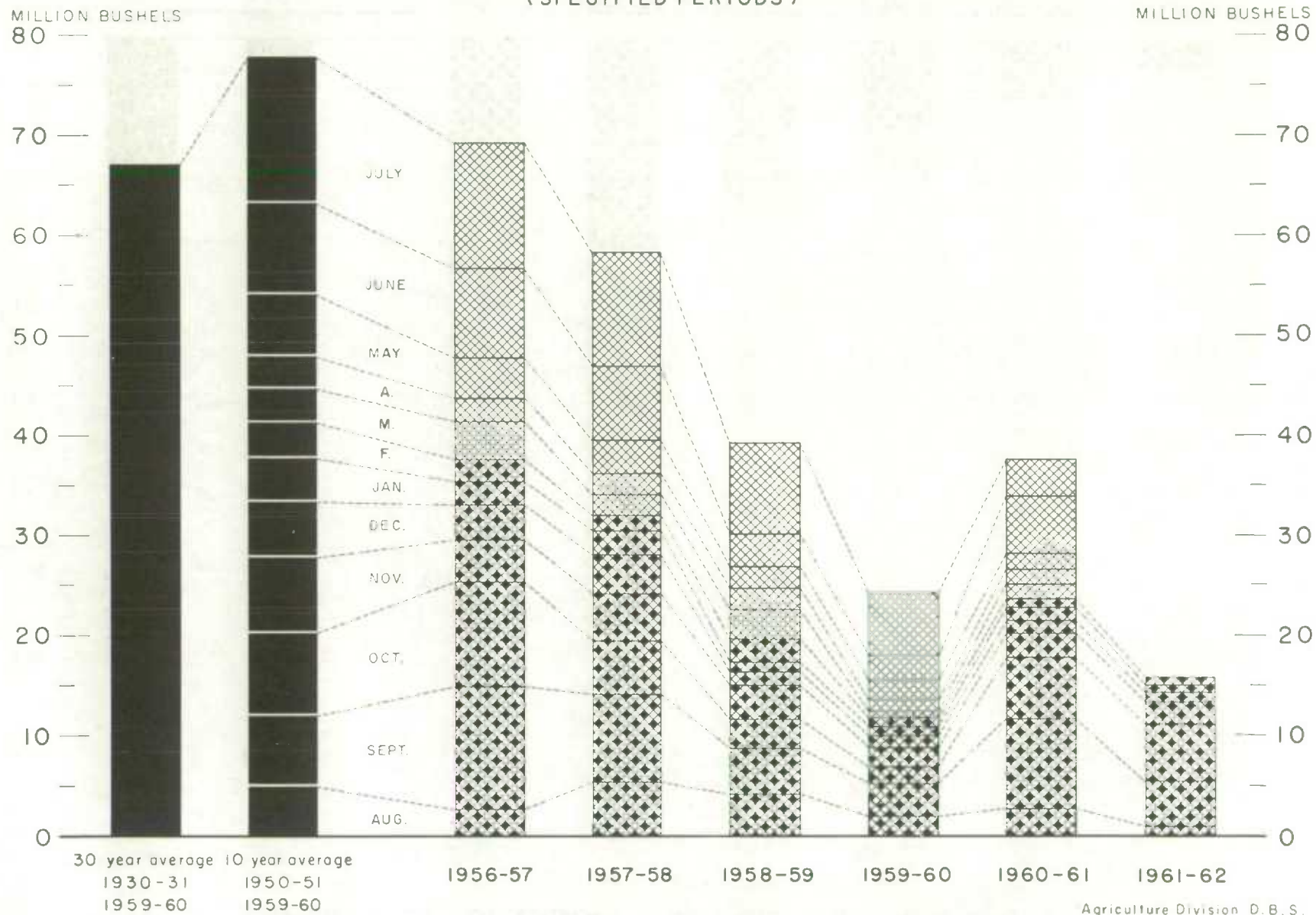
EXPORTS OF CANADIAN BARLEY AND BARLEY PRODUCTS*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)



FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF OATS, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)



EXPORTS OF CANADIAN OATS* AND OAT PRODUCTS**

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHEL

36 —

32 —

28 —

24 —

20 —

16 —

12 —

8 —

4 —

0 —

JUNE

MAY

APR.

MAR.

FEB.

JAN.

DEC.

NOV.

OCT.

SEPT.

AUG.

30 year average 10 year average

1930-31 1950-51

1959-60 1959-60

1956-57

1957-58

1958-59

1959-60

1960-61

1961-62

MILLION BUSHEL

36 —

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28 —

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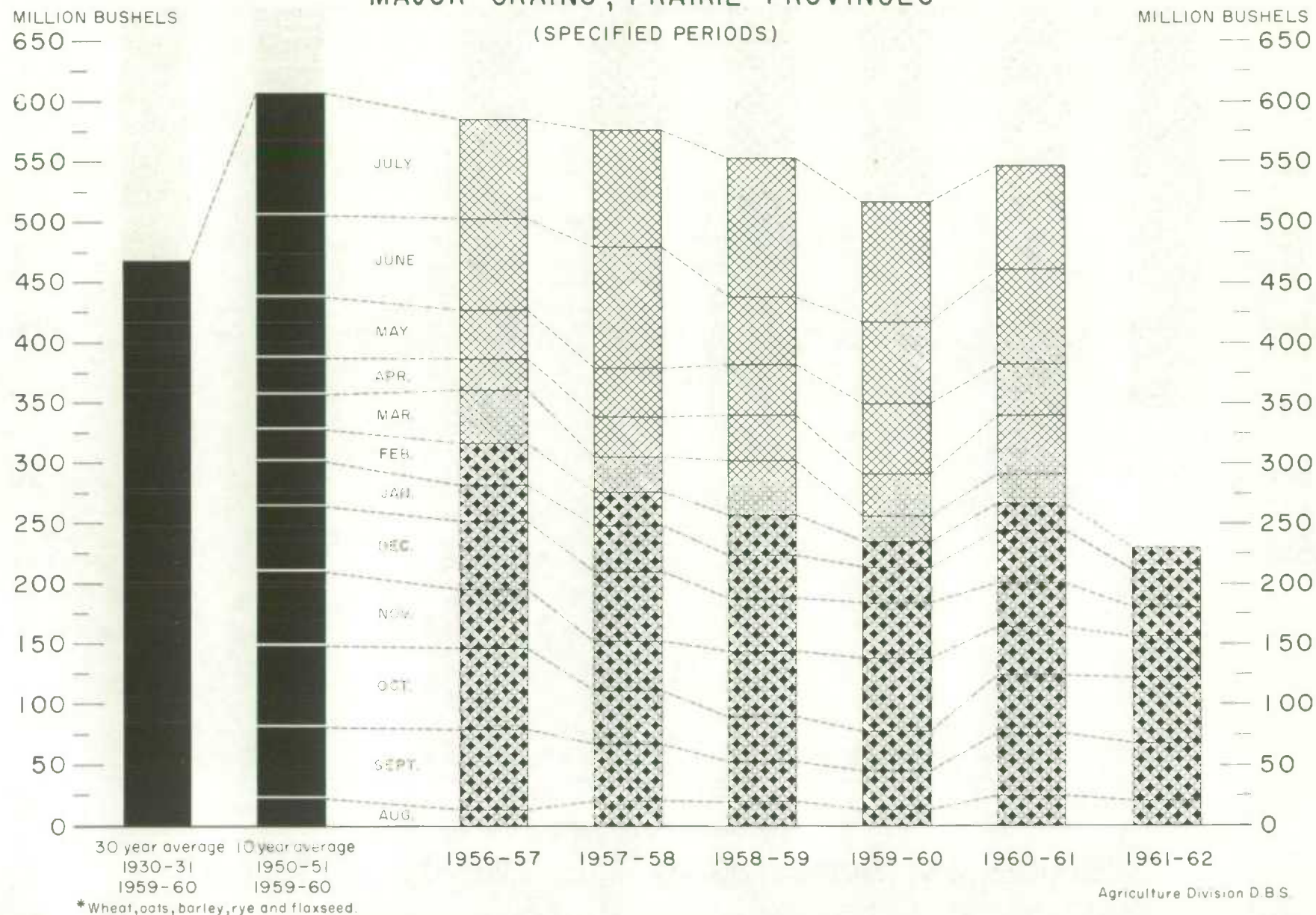
* Beginning with 1960-61 includes relatively small quantity of bagged seed.

** In terms of grain equivalent. *** Preliminary.

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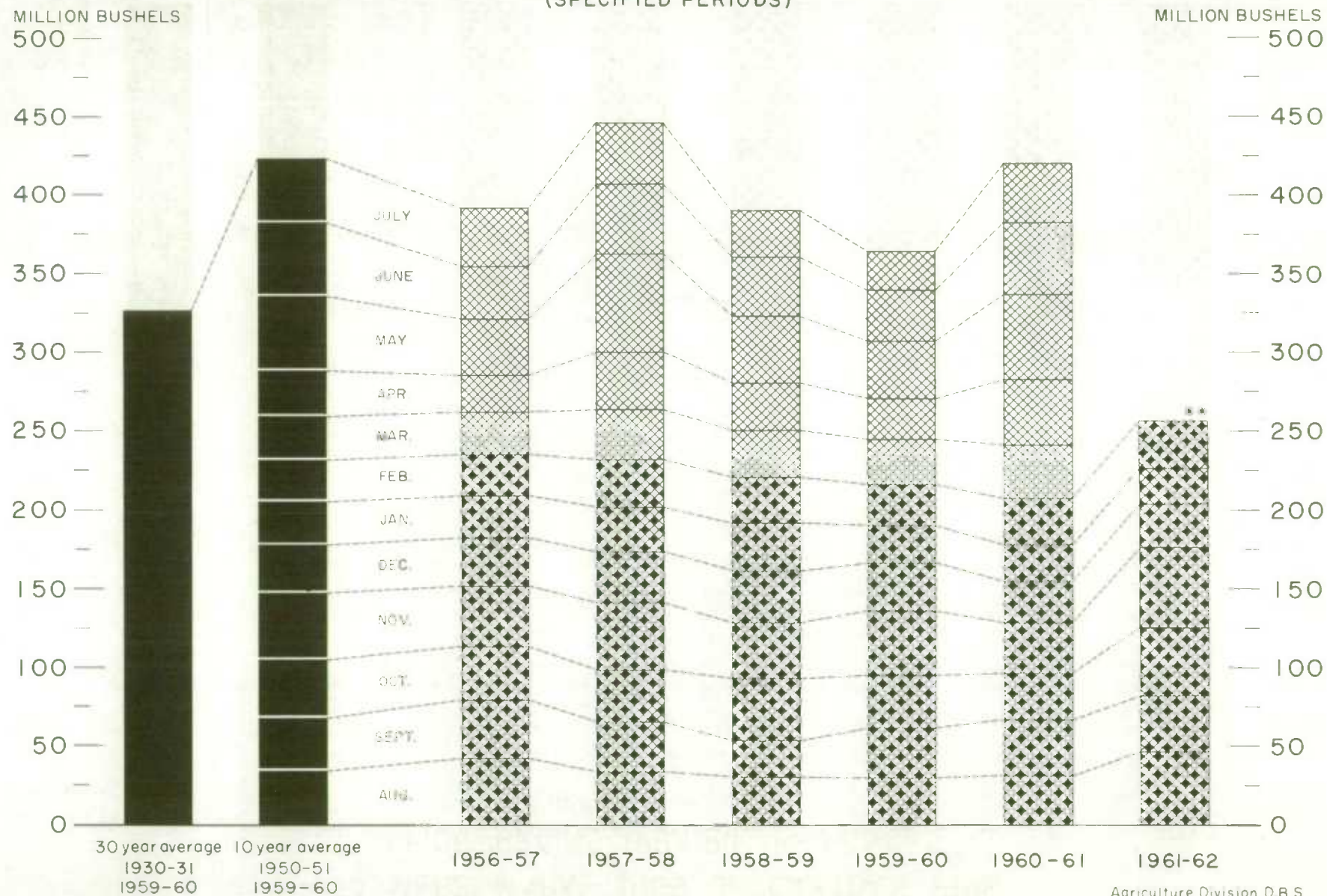
FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF CANADA'S FIVE MAJOR GRAINS*, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)



EXPORTS OF CANADA'S FIVE MAJOR GRAINS AND PRODUCTS*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)



*Wheat, bagged seed wheat, and wheat flour; oats, bagged seed oats, and rolled oats; barley, malt and pot and pearl; rye and flaxseed.

**Preliminary

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat ^{1/} by Destination

Destination	August 1961-February 1962			Total same period last year
	Wheat (Except Durum)	Durum Wheat	Total Wheat	
- bushels -				
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES (concluded)</u>				
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Burma	175,467	-	175,467	220,354
China, Communist	31,139,900	-	31,139,900	-
Japan	29,567,923	-	29,567,923	31,842,666
Philippines	1,758,561*	-	1,758,561*	347,843
Taiwan	75,787	-	75,787	102,293
<u>Oceania</u>				
United States Oceania	296,986	-	296,986	242,219
<u>South America</u>				
Colombia	264,550	-	264,550	-
Ecuador	749,680	-	749,680	862,153
Peru	-	-	-	1,816,267
Venezuela	1,660,330	-	1,660,330	1,951,381
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Cuba	-	-	-	5,056
Dominican Republic	730,401	-	730,401	694,960
El Salvador	296,548	-	296,548	-
Guatemala	20,000	-	20,000	-
Honduras	-	-	-	3,331
<u>North America</u>				
United States for domestic use <u>2/</u>	565,987	-	565,987	1,225,598
Totals, Other Countries ...	139,488,809*	5,112,386	144,601,195*	97,311,105
Sub-Totals, All Countries..	194,287,506	5,276,363	199,563,869	152,192,258
Bagged seed			1,482,098 <u>3/</u>	3,931,973 <u>4/</u>
Totals, All Countries	194,287,506	5,276,363	201,045,967	156,124,231

* Revisions in January data have been taken into account in the August-February totals.

^{1/} Overseas clearances as reported by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, for all countries except the United States. Excluding bagged seed.

^{2/} Compiled from returns of Canadian elevator licensees and shippers and advice from American Grain correspondents.

^{3/} Compiled from Canadian Customs returns. August-January only, unadjusted.

^{4/} Adjusted for time lag.

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	September 1961	January 1962	August-January	
	<u>1/</u>	<u>2/</u>	1961-62 <u>2/</u>	1960-61 <u>3/</u>
- bushels -				
<u>COMMONWEALTH AND PREFERENTIAL COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Britain	972,951	932,556	6,234,661*	7,137,041
Gibraltar	-	40,848	58,365	19,835
<u>Middle East</u>				
Kuwait	2,576	-	13,524	16,086
Qatar	-	-	1,109	2,334
British Middle East, nes	2,061	2,319	11,077*	4,637
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Ghana	119,186	27,991	892,101	932,910
Nigeria	99,723	116,755	693,689	387,863
Rhodesia and Nyasaland	3,422	4,386	13,977	16,956
Sierra Leone	19,752	43,776	202,193	180,483
Tanganyika	2,300	8,798	15,813	6,785
British Africa, nes	4,485	-	18,377	25,744
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Ceylon	-	-	384,008	-
Hong Kong	70,254	81,429	472,905	399,480
Malaya and Singapore	56,872	59,791	334,243	255,118
British East Indies, nes	1,803	370	7,482	3,156
<u>Oceania</u>				
Fiji	1,150	1,806	4,221	3,335
British Oceania, nes	-	-	-	644
<u>South America</u>				
British Guiana	483	1,769	13,858	180,584
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Bahamas	12,548	55,473	138,823	143,536
Bermuda	9,690	15,550	63,397	63,928
British Honduras	1,881	220	14,032	5,661
Barbados	9,157	13,402	65,276	88,336
Jamaica	123,347	164,165	796,589*	817,613
Leeward and Windward Islands	97,012	128,657	541,601	557,787
Trinidad and Tobago	97,532	139,086	668,900*	768,971
Totals, Com. and Pref. Countries ..	1,708,185	1,839,147	11,660,221*	12,018,823
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Belgium and Luxembourg	-	19,835	125,294	83,984
Denmark	920	460	1,380	920
Greece	-	-	2,544	4,563
Iceland	3,117	1,610	11,167	11,431
Italy	-	9,046	16,427	-
Netherlands	1,141	78	1,456	4,331
Norway	-	-	-	1,011,768
Portugal	4,163	2,587	17,864	20,290
Sweden	-	506	1,012	19,159
<u>Middle East</u>				
Ethiopia	-	-	-	253
Iran	193	386	1,623	575
Jordan	109,252	497	109,749	1,040
Lebanon	198,752	19,932	529,688	935,077
Saudi Arabia	-	-	288	8,360
Syria	-	745	745	5,126
U.A.R.-Egypt	6,633	-	171,994	-

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	September 1961	January 1962	August-January	
	<u>1/</u>	<u>2/</u>	1961-62 <u>2/</u>	1960-61 <u>3/</u>
	- bushels -			
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES (concluded)</u>				
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Angola	575	-	1,725	12,190
Congo	19,725	18,975	94,210	96,244
French Equatorial Africa	-	-	-	862
French West Africa	-	1,495	2,454	-
Liberia	2,300	4,200	14,359	9,046
Mozambique	690	4,835	9,651	2,098
Portuguese Africa, nes	10,228	12,666	52,895	45,977
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Cambodia and Laos	-	-	-	56,157
Indonesia	189,748	-	220,659	205,795
Japan	106,950	58,650	589,764	707,383
Philippines	113,806	24,461	1,003,382	1,099,718
Portuguese India	10,559	-	67,944	95,275
Portuguese Asia, nes	1,012	1,012	11,638	22,770
Thailand	19,760	39,744	189,550	162,920
Viet-Nam	-	-	28,083	-
<u>Oceania</u>				
French and Netherlands Oceania	184	299	483	782
United States Oceania	-	-	-	23,575
<u>South America</u>				
Bolivia	-	-	-	954
Chile	-	1,150	2,300	11,500
Colombia	920	-	2,300	113,204
Peru	1,617	1,035	7,712	1,380
Surinam	8,637	9,610	40,041	35,139
Venezuela	2,392	-	11,213*	16,111
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Costa Rica	54,857	80,956	345,283	332,382
Cuba	-	-	-	598,943
Dominican Republic	-	-	-	5,405
El Salvador	13,004	22,027	98,923	100,938
French West Indies	230	-	1,794	2,047
Guatemala	9,779	3,675	40,119	22,954
Honduras	14,145	8,625	54,236*	29,447
Netherlands Antilles	15,185	21,236	101,398*	40,308
Nicaragua	19,791	50,929	210,167	192,269
Panama	46,462	31,061	213,081	170,759
<u>North America</u>				
St. Pierre and Miquelon	-	1,840	3,795	-
United States	91,478	118,001	604,419*	570,060
Totals, Other Countries	1,078,205	572,164	5,014,809*	6,891,469
Totals, All Countries	2,786,390	2,411,311	16,675,030*	18,910,292

nes - not elsewhere specified.

* Revisions in December data have been taken into account in the August-January cumulative totals.

1/ In terms of wheat equivalent. Adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.
Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt. 2/ In terms of wheat equivalent. Preliminary and
unadjusted for time lag. Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt. 3/ Adjusted for time lag.

Canadian Wheat Board Weekly Average Cash Wheat Prices
Basis in Store Fort William-Port Arthur

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

1 Northern	150	150	150	150
2 Northern	146	146	146	146
3 Northern	142	142	142	142
4 Northern	135	135	135	135
5 Wheat	118	118	118	118
6 Wheat	112	112	112	112
Feed Wheat	106	106	106	106
1 C.W. Garnet	132	132	132	132
2 C.W. Garnet	127	127	127	127
1 Alberta Red Winter	134	134	134	134
2 Alberta Winter	129	129	129	129
1 C.W. Amber Durum	250	250	250	250
2 C.W. Amber Durum	246	246	246	246
3 C.W. Amber Durum	242	242	242	242

International Wheat Agreement

and Domestic Sales

1 Northern	190/7	190/6	190/5	190/6
2 Northern	189/7	189/6	189/5	189/6
3 Northern	188/7	188/6	188/5	188/6
4 Northern	183/7	183/6	183/5	183/6
5 Wheat	179/7	179/6	179/5	179/6
6 Wheat	178/7	178/6	178/5	178/6
Feed Wheat	174/7	174/6	174/5	174/6
1 C.W. Garnet	189/7	189/6	189/5	189/6
2 C.W. Garnet	185/7	185/6	185/5	185/6
3 C.W. Garnet	183/7	183/6	183/5	183/6
1 Alberta Red Winter	190/7	190/6	190/5	190/6
2 Alberta Winter	187/7	187/6	187/5	187/6
3 Alberta Winter	184/7	184/6	184/5	184/6
1 C.W. Amber Durum	349/7	349/6	349/5	349/6
2 C.W. Amber Durum	348/7	348/6	348/5	348/6
3 C.W. Amber Durum	346/7	346/6	346/5	346/6

Export - Class II

1 Northern	190/7	190/6	190/5	190/6
2 Northern	189/7	189/6	189/5	189/6
3 Northern	188/7	188/6	188/5	188/6
4 Northern	183/7	183/6	183/5	183/6
5 Wheat	179/7	179/6	179/5	179/6
6 Wheat	178/7	178/6	178/5	178/6
Feed Wheat	174/7	174/6	174/5	174/6
1 C.W. Garnet	189/7	189/6	189/5	189/6
2 C.W. Garnet	185/7	185/6	185/5	185/6
3 C.W. Garnet	183/7	183/6	183/5	183/6
1 C.W. Amber Durum	349/7	349/6	349/5	349/6
2 C.W. Amber Durum	348/7	348/6	348/5	348/6
3 C.W. Amber Durum	346/7	346/6	346/5	346/6

Canadian Wheat Board Weekly Average Cash Wheat Prices
Basis in Store Vancouver

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

1 Northern	150	150	150	150
2 Northern	146	146	146	146
3 Northern	142	142	142	142
4 Northern	135	135	135	135
5 Wheat	118	118	118	118
6 Wheat	112	112	112	112
Feed Wheat	106	106	106	106
1 C.W. Garnet	132	132	132	132
2 C.W. Garnet	127	127	127	127
1 Alberta Red Winter	134	134	134	134
2 Alberta Winter	129	129	129	129
1 C.W. Amber Durum	250	250	250	250
2 C.W. Amber Durum	246	246	246	246
3 C.W. Amber Durum	242	242	242	242

International Wheat Agreement

and Domestic Sales

1 Northern	198/3	198/2	198/1	198/2
2 Northern	197/3	197/2	197/1	197/2
3 Northern	196/3	196/2	196/1	196/2
4 Northern	191/3	191/2	191/1	191/2
5 Wheat	185/3	185/2	185/1	185/2
6 Wheat	178/3	178/2	178/1	178/2
Feed Wheat	175/3	175/2	175/1	175/2
1 C.W. Garnet	189/3	189/2	189/1	189/2
2 C.W. Garnet	185/3	185/2	185/1	185/2
3 C.W. Garnet	184/3	184/2	184/1	184/2
1 Alberta Red Winter	189/3	189/2	189/1	189/2
2 Alberta Winter	187/3	187/2	187/1	187/2
3 Alberta Winter	186/3	186/2	186/1	186/2

Export - Class II

1 Northern	198/3	198/2	198/1	198/2
2 Northern	197/3	197/2	197/1	197/2
3 Northern	196/3	196/2	196/1	196/2
4 Northern	191/3	191/2	191/1	191/2
5 Wheat	185/3	185/2	185/1	185/2
6 Wheat	178/3	178/2	178/1	178/2
Feed Wheat	175/3	175/2	175/1	175/2
1 C.W. Garnet	189/3	189/2	189/1	189/2
2 C.W. Garnet	185/3	185/2	185/1	185/2
3 C.W. Garnet	184/3	184/2	184/1	184/2
1 Alberta Red Winter	189/3	189/2	189/1	189/2
2 Alberta Winter	187/3	187/2	187/1	187/2
3 Alberta Winter	186/3	186/2	186/1	186/2

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during February 1962 amounted to 2,827,000 hundredweight, representing a decrease of 9 per cent from the January output of 3,093,000 hundredweight, 5 per cent less than the February 1961 figure of 2,968,000 hundredweight and 12 per cent below the ten-year (1952-61) average production for the month of February of 3,207,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during February 1962 had a total rated capacity of 161,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 24-day working period 73.3 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during February 1962 amounted to 6,323,000 bushels, compared with the 6,920,000 bushels milled during the previous month and 6,653,000 bushels milled in February a year ago. Of the wheat milled for flour during February 1962, some 5,666,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (454,000 bushels); Durum (131,000 bushels); and all other (72,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during January 1962 amounted to 1,048,000 hundredweight (some 2,411,000 bushels of wheat equivalent), representing a decrease of 21 per cent from the 3,036,000 bushels exported during the preceding month, but 15 per cent greater than the adjusted January 1961 total of 2,104,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to fifty-three countries with exports to Britain amounting to 933,000 bushels of wheat equivalent and accounting for 39 per cent of the January 1962 total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour during the month with shipments in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent were as follows: Jamaica, 164; Trinidad and Tobago, 139; Leeward and Windward Islands, 129; United States, 118; and Nigeria, 117.

NOTE: Official wheat flour export data for February 1962 were not available at the time of preparation of this report. The figure for February included in this report represents an unofficial estimate.

Wheat Milled for Flour, and Production and Exports of Wheat Flour, Canada

Crop Year	Wheat Milled for Flour	Wheat Flour	
		Production	Exports <u>1/</u>
	- bushels -		- cwt. -
1935-36—1939-40 average	67,845,114	29,405,451	9,603,941
1940-41—1944-45 average	99,704,638	43,908,245	23,699,546
1945-46—1949-50 average	107,330,372	47,011,540	25,819,721
1950-51—1954-55 average	100,446,328	43,847,894	21,812,041
1955-56	91,770,025	40,148,750	17,391,300
1956-57	85,149,373	37,623,446	14,582,431
1957-58	92,288,897	40,819,678	17,556,886
1958-59	90,142,957	39,826,493	16,141,267
1959-60	91,389,801	40,344,578	16,073,893
1960-61	89,731,155	39,914,644	15,513,836
1961-62 <u>2/</u>			
August	7,605,269	3,386,312	1,539,241
September	7,038,632	3,125,061	1,113,117
October	7,554,017	3,390,604	1,170,699
November	8,196,493	3,668,026	1,058,724
December	6,890,583	3,084,983	1,319,836
January	6,919,873	3,092,954	1,048,396 <u>3/</u>
February	6,323,460	2,826,583	1,300,000 <u>4/</u>
Totals	50,528,327	22,574,523	8,550,013
Same months 1960-61 <u>5/</u>	52,994,387	23,497,807	9,266,906

1/ Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46—1960-61 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

2/ Subject to revision.

3/ Preliminary.

4/ Estimated see NOTE above.

5/ Revised.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position Domestic supplies of wheat in the United States for the 1961-62 crop year (July-June) are estimated at 2,646.8 million bushels, consisting of the July 1, 1961 carryover of 1,412.2 million and the 1961 crop, placed at 1,234.7 million bushels. Domestic supplies of the size indicated would be 1 per cent less than last year's record of 2,670.8 million bushels. Imports of wheat from Canada during July-February of the current United States crop year amounted to 2.6 million bushels. Domestic disappearance during 1961-62 is estimated at about 590 million bushels, slightly less than the 606.3 million last year. After deducting anticipated domestic requirements for the current crop year, some 2,059.5 million remain available for export and for carryover, compared with the 2,069.4 million in 1960-61.

Exports of wheat, wheat flour and other products in terms of grain equivalent during the first eight months (July-February) of the 1961-62 United States crop year amounted to 466.9 million bushels, 12 per cent greater than the 417.2 million exported during the same months in 1960-61. The balance remaining on March 1, 1962 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,592.6 million bushels a decrease of 4 per cent from the 1,652.2 million on the same date a year ago.

United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1960-61	1961-62 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1)	1,313.5	1,412.2 <u>2/</u>
New Crop	1,357.3	1,234.7
Total estimated domestic supplies	2,670.8	2,646.8 <u>2/</u>
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July-February	4.9	2.6
Total estimated supplies <u>3/</u>	2,675.7	2,649.5
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>4/</u>	606.3 <u>2/</u>	590.0
Available for export and for carryover	2,069.4	2,059.5
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-February	351.8	402.6
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-February <u>5/</u>	65.3	64.3
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products <u>6/</u>	417.2	466.9
Balance on March 1 for export and for carryover	1,652.2	1,592.6

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Revised.

3/ Excluding imports for March-June.

4/ Includes shipments to United States Territories and wheat for military food use at home and abroad.

5/ Flour exports exclude "Milled in bond".

6/ These figures now include all shipments under relief programs which formerly were not available from Census data.

Prospective Plantings
of Spring Wheat

The following report on prospective plantings of spring wheat in the United States was taken from the March 19 report of the Crop Reporting Board, United States Department of Agriculture. Plantings of all spring wheat in the United States for the 1962 crop are expected to total 10.5 million acres. The intended acreage is 14 per cent below the acreage planted in 1961 and 35 per cent below average.

A total of 49.5 million acres of all wheat is indicated by these intended spring plantings plus winter wheat plantings as estimated last December. This is a decrease of 6.1 million acres or 11 per cent from 1961.

Durum wheat plantings are expected to total 2.4 million acres. Increases are planned in durum wheat acreage in all major producing States. The total planted acreage is expected to be 40 per cent above 1961 and 28 per cent over the 10-year average. North Dakota, which regularly accounts for about four-fifths of the total durum acreage, is expecting a 30 per cent increase from last year. Plantings in Montana, South Dakota, and Minnesota also are expected to show large increases. Favorable competitive prices, in comparison to hard spring wheat, along with increases in durum acreage allotments are encouraging growers to expand durum wheat acreage.

The acreage of other spring wheat is indicated at 8.1 million acres, 23 per cent below 1961 and 43 per cent below the 1951-60 average. This is the smallest acreage of record. The major producing States all expect large acreage reductions, with only the Pacific Northwest States showing an increase.

If growers fulfill their planting intentions and if yields per planted acre this year equal the 1957-61 average, by States, an all spring wheat crop of 195 million bushels would be produced. Based on conditions as of December 1, 1961, a winter wheat crop of 944 million bushels was forecast for 1962. The projected total wheat crop of 1,139 million bushels compares to the 1,235 million bushels produced in 1961.

Crop and
Weather Conditions

The following extract has been taken from the Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin, published jointly by the United States Department of Commerce and United States Department of Agriculture for the week ending March 26, 1962. Melting snow brought streams to dangerously high levels in Illinois, Iowa, and the eastern sections of Nebraska and South Dakota during the week. Below-normal temperatures in these areas, however, tended to limit flooding to only a few localities at the close of the period. Winter wheat and other fall-seeded grains responded to more moderating temperatures in the central and southern Great Plains. Winterkill on barley acreages became more evident as growth advanced in the Central Plains States, with losses reported heavier than usual in many districts. Rain and snow brought beneficial moisture to the southern Great Plains, but high winds damaged some winter wheat stands in western Oklahoma and the northern sections of Texas.

Below-normal temperatures continued to limit growth of small grains in the Far Northwest and most parts of the Southwest. Winter grains and grazing crops showed further improvement in response to warmer weather and ample soil moisture in the lower Mississippi Valley and eastward. Topdressing of small grains and pastures was reported behind schedule in many areas because of soft, wet soil conditions. Rising temperatures also promoted some growth in the extreme southern portions of the Corn Belt and caused winter grains to break dormancy as far north as Pennsylvania. Limited acreages of spring grains were seeded in the Far Northwest, as far north as Nebraska in the Great Plains, and as far north as Ohio in the eastern half of the Nation. Considerable acreages of rice were planted in Louisiana and Texas during the week, but most fields were still too wet to work in California.

Cash Wheat Prices on the Kansas City and Minneapolis Markets

No. 2 Hard Winter, Kansas City			No. 1 Northern Spring, Minneapolis		
Date	Price		Date	Price	
	- cents per bushel -			- cents per bushel -	
March 1, 1962	Not available		March 1, 1962	233 1/2	- 235 1/2
2	206 3/4	- 247 1/4 1/	2	233 3/8	- 235 3/8
5	207 1/4	- 247 1/4 1/	5	233 5/8	- 235 5/8
6	209 3/4	- 229 3/4 1/	6	233 1/2	- 235 1/2
7	209 1/4	- 209 1/2	7	233 5/8	- 235 5/8
8	211		8	234 1/2	- 236 1/2
9	209 1/4	- 211 1/2	9	234 1/4	- 236 1/4
12	211	- 212 1/2	12	233 7/8	- 235 7/8
13	211 3/4		13	233 1/4	- 235 1/4
14	210 1/2		14	232 5/8	- 234 5/8
15	211		15	233 5/8	- 235 5/8
16	209 1/2		16	234 1/8	- 236 1/8
19	211 1/4	- 221 1/4	19	232 1/4	- 234 1/4
20	208 1/4	- 247 1/2 1/	20	232 1/4	- 234 1/4
21	209 1/2		21	231 7/8	- 232 7/8
22	207 1/2	- 247 1/	22	231 5/8	- 232 5/8
23	207	- 211	23	230 1/2	- 231 1/2
26	208		26	230 5/8	- 231 5/8
27	209 3/4	- 210 1/4	27	230 5/8	- 231 5/8
28	210		28	230 1/2	- 231 1/2
29	208	- 247 3/4 1/	29	232 3/8	- 233 3/8
30	211		30	233 7/8	- 234 7/8

1/ Nominal.

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	March	May	July	September	December
- cents and eighths per bushel -					
March 1, 1962	201/2	205/3	208/6	211/6	216/6
2	201/2	205/4	209/1	212/3	217/4
5	202/1	206/2	209/7	213	218
6	202/2	206/1	209/2	212/4	217/3
7	202/2	206/1	209	212	217
8	202/5	206/2	209	211/7	216/7
9	203/2	206/1	208/6	211/6	216/6
12	203/4	206/1	208/7	211/7	216/6
13	203/7	205/7	208/2	211/2	216/2
14	204/3	206	208/2	211/2	216
15	205/2	206/3	208/5	211/6	216/5
16	206/4	207/4	209/1	212/2	216/7
19	205	206/6	209/3	212	216/6
20	205/5	206/6	209/2	212/3	217/2
21	205/4	207/1	209	212	216/6
22		207/3	209/2	212/2	217/2
23		206/1	208/3	211/2	216/2
26		206/4	208/5	211/4	216/6
27		206/4	208/6	211/6	217
28		206/2	208/3	211/1	216/3
29		206/6	209/2	212/1	217/2
30		207/4	209/7	212/6	217/7

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1961-62 (December-November) crop year amount to some 263.8 million bushels, consisting of the December 1, 1961 carryover of 24.3 million and the current crop estimated at 239.5 million bushels. Supplies of the size indicated, reflecting relatively sharp declines in both carryover stocks and production, represent a 20 per cent reduction from the 1960-61 total of 331.4 million. After deducting 73.5 million for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 190.3 million are available for export and for carryover during 1961-62, as against 255.7 million in 1960-61.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1-March 3 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 51.9 million bushels compared with 47.4 million exported during the corresponding period of 1960-61. The balance remaining on March 4, 1962 for export and for carryover, at 138.4 million bushels, represented a decrease of 34 per cent from the comparable 1961 figure of 208.3 million.

Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1960-61	1961-62 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1)	60.5	24.3
New Crop	270.9	239.5
Total estimated domestic supplies	331.4	263.8
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ...	75.7	73.5 <u>2/</u>
Available for export and for carryover	255.7	190.3
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-March 3.....	40.2	45.1
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1-March 3	7.2	6.8
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	47.4	51.9
Balance on March 4 for export and for carryover	208.3	138.4

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Revised.

The following information relative to the Australian situation has been extracted from a report from Mr. H.A. Gilbert, Commercial Counsellor for Canada, Melbourne, under date of March 20, 1962 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce.

Crop Position No new estimates or figures have been released officially but it is anticipated that the final figure may be only two or three million bushels higher than the 240 million bushels quoted in the last report.

Marketing Position The main news this month concerns another sale, on credit, to Mainland China. Towards the end of February the Australian Wheat Board

announced the signing of a contract for the sale of 600,000 metric tons (22,400,000 bushels) of wheat to China. The sale was divided into two parts, firstly, 350,000 tons (13,067,000 bushels) of under-quality wheat from New South Wales and 250,000 tons (9,333,000 bushels) fair average quality. The terms of the contract were the same as the previous credit sale, i.e., 10 per cent down, 40 per cent in six months and the remaining 50 per cent in twelve months. These sales called for shipment before the end of May.

This sale, coupled with recent sales to Japan, means that nearly all the large stocks of under-quality wheat in New South Wales would be shipped by the end of May. The New South Wales Grower's Representative on the Australian Wheat Board has stated in Sydney that the whole of the delivered wheat crop, amounting to some 222 million bushels, had now been either sold or was being held to meet long term trade contracts. A carryover of only 20 million bushels was budgeted for.

This member added that it was significant that the big increase in wheat sales during the past two seasons had been with "new" customers which included China, Italy, Spain and Egypt. This year, it was expected that these "new" customers would buy as much of Australia's wheat crop as the regular customers, which include Britain, India, Germany and Japan.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat
December 1-March 3, 1961-62 and Corresponding Period 1960-61

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1960-61	1961-62	1960-61	1961-62
- thousand bushels -				
<u>Europe</u>				
Albania	677	-	-	-
Britain	6,316	5,731	563	813
Eire	1,672	717	-	-
Italy	6,414	4,849	-	-
Malta	-	317	-	-
Norway	1,020	1,398	-	-
Spain and Canary Islands .	744	4,305	-	-
Switzerland	-	73	-	-
West Germany	1,455	3,995	-	-
Others	-	-	1	2
<u>Middle East</u>				
Aden	85	187	-	-
Aden and Aden I/T	-	-	201	241
Aden Atta	-	-	50	52
Egypt	-	1,882	-	-
Iran	378	38	-	-
Iraq	3,346	733	-	-
Lebanon, Jordan, Syria ...	289	1,903	-	-
Persian Gulf	-	-	200	45
Persian Atta	-	-	282	634
Saudi Arabia	-	-	36	25
Others	94	105	1	6

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat
December 1-March 3, 1961-62 and Corresponding Period 1960-61

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1960-61	1961-62	1960-61	1961-62
- thousand bushels -				
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	343	446	-	-
Kenya	129	882	-	-
Mauritius	-	-	279	202
Nyasaland	-	-	73	56
Port. East Africa	-	88	-	-
Rhodesia	327	1,092	-	-
Zanzibar	-	-	41	30
Others	3	4	16	20
<u>Asia</u>				
British North Borneo	-	-	78	55
Brunei	-	-	15	12
Burma	75	147	75	59
Ceylon	4	7	498	1,611
Ceylon Atta	-	-	-	1/
China	11,112	9,364	1,691	-
Hong Kong	657	790	52	91
India	877	724	-	-
Indonesia	-	-	841	226
Japan	1,059	3,582	-	-
Malaya	80	189	731	990
Malaya Atta	-	-	14	21
North Korea	410	-	-	-
Pakistan	874	19	-	-
Sarawak	-	-	39	69
Singapore	23	23	618	757
Singapore Atta	-	-	2	3
Singapore a/c War Office.	-	-	9	12
Thailand	-	-	162	183
Others	51	39	19	44
<u>Pacific Area and Sundries</u>				
Dutch New Guinea	-	-	27	19
New Zealand	1,671	1,464	-	-
Pacific Islands etc.	11	10	554	489
Royal Navy	2	2	-	-
Ships' Stores etc.	-	-	32	33
Totals	40,200	45,100	7,200	6,800

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

FRENCH SITUATION

Supply Position

Total estimated commercial domestic supplies of wheat in France for the crop year (August-July) 1961-62, consisting of the August 1 carryover of 67.5 million bushels and marketings of 257.2 million, amounted to some 324.7 million bushels, two per cent less than the 1960-61 total of 332.6 million. After deducting 211.3 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, a total of 113.4 million were available for export and for carryover during 1961-62, 9 per cent below the 1960-61 level of 124.6 million.

Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the first six months of current crop year amounted to 29.1 million bushels and represented a decrease of 18 per cent from the comparable 1960-61 total of 35.4 million. The balance of commercial supplies remaining on February 1, 1962 amounted to 84.3 million bushels compared with the February 1, 1961 total of 89.3 million.

French Supplies of Soft Wheat

Item	1960-61	1961-62 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Commercial carryover, August 1	54.3	67.5
Deliveries to Grain Board	278.4	257.2
Total estimated commercial supplies	332.6	324.7
Less domestic requirements for crop year	208.0	211.3
Available for export and for carryover	124.6	113.4
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, August-January	31.4	22.6
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-January	4.0	6.5
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	35.4	29.1
Balance on February 1 for export and for carryover ..	89.3	84.3

1/ Preliminary.

The following account of the current crop situation in France has been extracted from a report by Mr. R.G. Woolham, Assistant Commercial Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Paris, under date of March 23, 1962 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce. Where possible, conversions from French to Canadian measures have been made and rounded for the convenience of our readers.

Weather and Crops

The arrival of Spring is definitely retarded this year and temperatures during the month of March have generally been well below normal. Early starts on Spring planting so far have hardly been possible. During the first half of the month most agricultural regions in France experienced some below freezing temperatures and occasional snow. The last half of March brought cold weather too, but with relatively light precipitation.

Certain areas have reported heavy to moderate damage to winter-seeded cereals because of freezing weather since the beginning of the year, but general or serious damage is not indicated. Nevertheless March 1 acreage estimates compared with those reported a month earlier have been revised slightly downwards, about 1.5 per cent in the case of winter wheat, and by about 0.5 per cent for all winter-seeded cereals. Acreage estimates for 1962, however, are still 27 per cent above those given last year at this time and 10 per cent higher than the 1958-61 average.

Up to March 1, dry conditions have continued in Algeria, a factor which is causing some anxiety for this year's crop prospects. On the other hand, Morocco has benefited from late winter rain and the situation in this North African country is somewhat more optimistic.

Area Sown to Winter and Spring Cereals

Grain	March 1961	March 1962
- thousand acres -		
Wheat	8,499	10,775
Wheat and rye	32	31
Rye	642	667
Barley	868	995
Oats	835	912
Mixed grains	84	109
Totals	10,961	13,489

Grain Market

French exports of soft wheat to countries other than those in the Franc Zone reported for January, 1962 increased by 66,000 metric tons (2,425,000 bushels) to 116,000 tons (4,262,000 bushels) compared with a month earlier. Exports to the Franc Zone have been tending to decline during the last five months. Exports of wheat and flour to all countries since August 1, 1961 totalled 792,479 tons (29,118,000 bushels) by January 31, 1962 compared with 962,351 tons (35,360,000 bushels) a year earlier. The available carryover however is roughly the same as that of last year because of lower production in 1961.

The stocks of durum wheat in France at the present time are reported to be sufficient to meet milling requirements until the end of April. Imports of durum wheat since August 1961, totalled 219,229 tons (8,055,000 bushels) on January 31, 1962, about the same position as last year. The level of stocks are now about the same as last year at this time. Last year between the period February 1 and July 31 France imported a total of 200,000 tons (7,349,000 bushels) of durum wheat to meet internal requirements. Since consumption on January 31, 1962 was running about 17,000 (625,000 bushels) ahead of 1961, there is concern, in view of the present world shortage whether or not sufficient quantities of durum wheat will be available to meet domestic requirements.

During the last month the French Grain Board purchased 30,000 tons (1,102,000 bushels) of United States Dark Hard Winter wheat, and a small tonnage of Western White wheat for shipment to Algeria as a substitute for durum wheat. No durum wheat substitutes have been contemplated for use in France, but so far about 7,000 tons (355,000 bushels equivalent) in total of semolina have been purchased from Italy.

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated total supplies of wheat in the Argentine for the 1961-62 (December-November) crop year amount to 235.2 million bushels, consisting of the revised December 1, 1961 carryover of 45.9 million and the new crop, placed at 189.2 million. Indicated supplies for the current Argentine crop year, reflecting a 30 per cent increase in production which more than offset a decline in carryover stocks, are about 19 per cent more than the 1960-61 total of 197.1 million bushels. After making an allowance of 139.6 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 95.5 million are available for export and for carryover compared with 64.8 million in 1960-61.

Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during December 1961-February 1962 amounted to 26.5 million bushels, 69 per cent above the 15.7 million exported during the same months in 1960-61. The balance remaining on March 1, 1962 for export and for carryover was estimated at 69.1 million bushels, 41 per cent greater than the March 1, 1961 total of 49.1 million.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1960-61 <u>1/</u>	1961-62 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) <u>3/</u> ...	51.6	45.9
New Crop <u>4/</u>	145.5	189.2
Total estimated domestic supplies	197.1	235.2
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year	132.3	139.6
Available for export and for carryover	64.8	95.5
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December -February	15.7	26.4
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December - February	<u>5/</u>	0.1
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	15.7	26.5
Balance on March 1 for export and for carryover	49.1	69.1

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Includes allowances for farm stocks. 4/ Official estimate. 5/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

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Weather and Crops Rainfall during February benefited crops in the northern grain belt; however, drought conditions have once again returned to parts of western Buenos Aires and La Pampa provinces. In the provinces of Santa Fe and Entre Rios

seeding has begun of the early fields of dual purpose autumn crops (rye, oats, etc.).

As indicated, there are prospects of serious drought conditions in parts of Buenos Aires province, particularly in the northeastern, western, southwestern and central western regions. These same conditions extend to the bordering province of La Pampa. In these areas the continued lack of rainfall has hindered soil preparation for autumn crops, although sufficient rain in late March could improve the situation considerably. Natural pastures in many areas are all but non-existent and the live-stock situation is equally serious.

Throughout the rest of the country rainfall was quite general during the period under discussion.

Wheat The wheat harvest was completed by the end of February and the second official estimate of a 5,150,000 metric ton crop (189.2 million bushels) still stands. Trade circles now tend to agree with this estimate.

Trading in wheat during recent weeks has been very brisk and it is estimated that almost 3,000,000 metric tons (110,230,000 bushels) of the new crop have been purchased; i.e. one million (36,743,000 bushels) by exporters, one million (36,743,000 bushels) by local millers and about 900,000 tons (33,069,000 bushels) by the Grain Board.

By January 31 the Board had bought some 700,000 metric tons (25,720,000 bushels) of new crop wheat, but during the month of February only 50,000 tons (1,837,000 bushels) were purchased. The small purchases of February were a result of the Board's inability to meet its payments to farmers. Funds accumulated by the Board during 1961 (which should have proved adequate) were diverted by the Government to meet other urgent commitments, with the result that in the midst of the current wheat harvest the Board was left with practically no funds. It is reported that foreign banks have come to the rescue with loans to the Board totalling some U\$S 25,000,000 which should prove sufficient to meet present needs.

Board purchases since the end of the third week of February have totalled 85,000 tons (3,123,000 bushels). Some 80,000 tons (2,939,000 bushels) were 1960-61 crop wheat, which sold at prices ranging from 4,542.60 pesos to 4,664.30 pesos per metric ton (\$1.49 to \$1.53 per bushel) in bulk to be shipped from Bahía Blanca.

During the week of March 9 to 16 the price of Argentine wheat CIF Continental ports rose from U\$S 69.75 to U\$S 70.25 per metric ton, (\$1.90 to \$1.91 per bushel) while in the local market the price advanced from 446.- to 448.- pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.46 to \$1.47 per bushel). At the end of February prices CIF Continental ports were U\$S 69.00 per ton (\$1.88 per bushel) and CIF British ports £25.12.0 (\$1.99 per bushel).

Durum wheat (Candeal-Taganrog) was subject to heavy price fluctuations during February and prices reached 870.- pesos/100 kilos (\$2.85 per bushel) FAS Necochea and Bahía Blanca. At the end of February the price quoted for March-April shipment was U\$S 122.50 per ton (\$3.33 per bushel) CIF Continental ports.

During February the first sales were made to Brazil under the recently signed agreement totalling 200,000 metric tons (7,349,000 bushels) at between U\$S 59.30 and U\$S 59.50 (\$1.61 and \$1.62 per bushel) FOB for February-March shipment.

Present prices in the Cereal Exchange are as follows: Buenos Aires, Bahía Blanca, Quequén (Port for Necochea): wheat, hard, 80 kilos hectolitr basis

(64 pounds per bushel); 443.- pesos (\$1.45 per bushel); semi-hard, same hectolitric basis, 430.- pesos (\$1.41 per bushel); Candeal-Taganrog: 870.- pesos (\$2.85 per bushel); and Rosario, average price: 431.50 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.41 per bushel).

Policy

New Storage System put into Effect by the Grain Board

The Grain Board has instituted, on an experimental basis, a system of wheat storage with "loss of identity". In these experiments grain delivered to elevators at Necochea and Bahía Blanca on behalf of any exporter goes into common storage and loses its identity. When the time comes for the exporter to load the grain into ships he applies to the Grain Board for permission to draw from the pool. Although the new system is not without critics, local co-operatives, the Grain Board and shippers are generally in favour as it avoids a great deal of unnecessary shifting of grain from point to point. The Grain Board has announced its decision to place corn on this basis immediately and to extend the system to all crops and to all ports for the 1962-63 crop year.

Argentine Wheat Exports December 1961-January 1962 with Comparisons

Destination	Wheat	Destination	Wheat
	- thousand bushels -		- thousand bushels -
Belgium	599	Japan	27
Bolivia	18	Netherlands	2,207
Brazil	3,916	Paraguay	16
Britain	4,171	Peru	385
Finland	18	Switzerland	13
France	231	Venezuela	411
Germany	1,650		
Italy	140	Total	13,803

Compared with:

December-January 1960-61	10,289
1959-60	6,180
1958-59	16,676
1957-58	8,608
1956-57	13,842

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spring wheat in parts. Rye production of 600 million bushels was larger than in 1960 but still below average because of reduced acreage.

Wheat production in Asia is estimated at 1,860 million bushels slightly less than a year earlier. Larger outturns in most countries were offset by smaller crops in Mainland China and Turkey. Unfavorable weather caused below average yields in both countries. Turkey is Asia's only rye producer of any importance and the 1961 crop is estimated at 24 million bushels, little change from a year earlier.

Africa's wheat production is the smallest in many years because of a combination of reduced acreage and low yields. Conditions were especially unfavorable in the important producing countries of former French North Africa. Rye production is minor in Africa.

Southern Hemisphere wheat harvests are now completed and production in South America is larger than in 1960 but not up to the 1950-54 average. The crop in Argentina is estimated at 190 million bushels; this is 70 per cent of the continental total of 270 million bushels. Rye in Argentina is estimated at 21 million bushels, slightly above the 1960 outturn. This accounts for about 95 per cent of South America's rye production. Australia's wheat crop is now estimated at 244 million bushels. This is somewhat above earlier expectations and is second only to the harvest of 274 million in 1960. Damage from late-season rains in some districts means that part of the crop is of low quality. Rye is of minor importance in Australia.

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- March 10 The United Nations Wheat Conference, which met in Geneva from 31 January to 10 March 1962, has negotiated a new International Wheat Agreement which will be submitted to Governments for their consideration. The Agreement provides a price range, based on Canada's No. 1 Manitoba Northern Wheat, between a minimum of \$1.62 1/2 per bushel and a maximum of \$2.02 1/2 per bushel as compared with the range of \$1.50 per bushel to \$1.90 per bushel in the current Agreement. The new price is in terms of U.S. dollars for No. 1 Northern in store Fort William-Port Arthur and Vancouver.
- 14 Based on farmers' intentions at March 1, the acreage seeded to all classes of wheat in 1962 will be 24.6 million acres, an increase of 4 per cent over the 1961 seedings and 2.4 million acres or 11 per cent above the 1956-60 average.
- According to the Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce wheat flour production in the United States in January 1962 amounted to 23,490,000 hundredweight, an average of 1,068,000 hundredweight per working day.
- 15 The Canadian Wheat Board announced that the open delivery quota for Durum wheat as outlined in Instructions to the Trade re Quotas (General) No. 14 of November 13, 1961, is hereby extended for the balance of the crop year.
- 19 According to a report published by the Crop Reporting Board, United States Department of Agriculture, prospective plantings of all spring wheat in the United States for 1962 are expected to total 10.5 million acres, 14 per cent less than the acreage planted in 1961 and 35 per cent below the 1951-60 average.
- 27 Bill No. C-75, to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act was given third reading and passed in the House of Commons. Among the terms included in the amendments, the powers of the Board were extended to August 1, 1967 and rapeseed was defined as a "grain" along with wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed.
- 28 The Hon. Alvin Hamilton announced an additional sale of slightly more than 39 million bushels of wheat to China. Estimated value of the contract, the sixth to be completed under a long-term agreement signed last spring, is \$75 million. It is the largest single sale of wheat to China thus far.

According to the Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce total commercial production of wheat flour in 1961 amounted to 260.3 million hundredweight, about 5.2 million hundredweight above the previous year's production. Production in 1961 was at 93.3 per cent of total annual capacity.

Wheat flour mills in 1961 ground 592.0 million bushels of wheat; mill feed production during the year totaled 4,858 thousand tons.

- 29 According to Foreign Crops and Markets, World Summaries, published by the United States Department of Agriculture world wheat production is now estimated at 7,830 million bushels, 330 million bushels less than in 1960 and 865 million below the record harvest in 1958.
- 30 According to the United States Department of Agriculture sign-up under the 1962 wheat program through March shows 769,534 farms have been signed up to divert 13,363,600 acres from wheat production to conserving practices this year.
- 30 The Hon. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture announced in the House of Commons that the Canadian Wheat Board had closed out the 1960-61 wheat pool account and the average final payment to producers amounted to 31.843 cents per bushel -- largest in the history of the Board's operations. Producers delivered 392.8 million bushels to the 1960-61 pool.

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Revised Data on Canadian Wheat, Crop Year 1960-61 with Comparisons

Item	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61
- thousand bushels -			
Production	371,730	413,520	489,624
Marketings <u>1/</u>	367,723	378,514	396,212
Inspections <u>2/</u>	348,362	374,355	411,510
Receipts, Fort William-Port Arthur .	181,630	201,983	215,058
Shipments, Fort William-Port Arthur.	180,437	188,385	217,208
Exports, wheat and wheat flour	294,546	277,291	353,249
I.W.C. sales	83,478	235,186	233,664
Carryover, end of crop year	549,001	537,588	526,841

1/ Western Canadian wheat receipts at country, interior private and mill, interior semi-public terminal elevators and platform loadings.

2/ Western Canadian wheat only.

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